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**THE MAN BEHIND THE CAMERA**

On Friday afternoon, March 13, word came that all Masses were cancelled due to the Pandemic. Parishes were urged to "Live-Stream" their Masses, something that had never been done before at St. Mary's. Happily for us, one of the many college students sent home early this Spring was St. Anselm College Senior Will Martell. Fr. Mark hired Will to take on the live-streaming work each Sunday at 11:30 AM – first with an iPhone, then with a professional camera purchased when it became clear that the Pandemic would not pass quickly. Aply assisted by his dad George Martell, Will has done a great job, giving St. Mary's broadcast Masses a "dynamic" instead of "static" feel. A few questions for Will:

**What did you study at Saint Anselm College?** *I was a Biology Major with a Minor in Philosophy.*

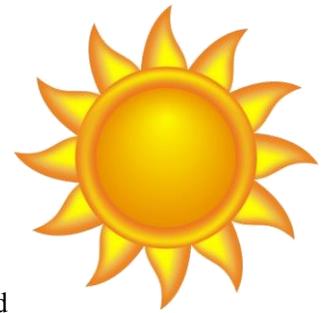
**Why did you choose to pursue that particular degree?** *I chose to pursue a Bachelor of Arts in Biology because it had always been my favorite subject and I was interested in pursuing medicine. While focusing most of my studies on Biology I also enjoyed Philosophy. It was very important to me to address the "bigger" questions of life, such as matters of morality, mortality, metaphysics, formal logic, and ethics. With my Bachelor of Arts in Biology I plan to gain experience in the medical industry and eventually apply to medical school. I also believe that my background in Philosophy will help me bring a wholesome approach to human life and medicine.*

**What are you doing now that you have graduated from Saint Anselm?** *Since graduating from college this past May I have accepted a full-time position at an Orthopedic Surgery Clinic working as a Medical Assistant. There I hope to gain incredibly valuable experience that will set me in the right direction for a career in medicine.*

**How did you learn to operate professional camera equipment for broadcasting?** *I learned from my dad, George, who is a professional photographer. Not only has this experience of live streaming Masses diversified and expanded my knowledge but also has been a great opportunity to share in my dad's passion for photography and videography.*

# St. Mary's Parish Newsletter

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

## WELCOME ROBIN!

This past May, St. Mary's welcomed Mrs. Robin Rogers to our Parish Family. Robin is our new Religious Education Secretary, succeeding Paula O'Brien who was promoted to DRE in her own parish. Robin grew up in Franklin and currently resides in Wrentham with her husband Michael and family. They are the parents of two adult sons who are graduates of Xaverian Brothers High School. The family has been involved in community sports, Boy Scouts and volunteering. Robin volunteered her time at her sons' elementary school, St. Catherine of Siena in Norwood, and later joined the staff as a teacher aide where she assisted in the school's aim to foster the development of spiritual growth of each child. Robin and her husband are members of St. Mary's Parish in Wrentham where they have been involved in various ministries. In her spare time, she enjoys gardening, reading, bike riding and spending time with her family. Robin's favorite scripture comes from Romans 12:5 - "*So we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.*"



**1<sup>st</sup> COMMUNIONS  
THROUGH AUGUST 2, 2020**

Jay Fonzie Adamson

Luke Bartels

Eleanor Michele Beesley

Shane Thomas Bernier

Emily Marie Blinstrub

Ava Dawn Breen

Liam Ronald Breen

Nolan Patrick Richard Burke

Tessa Rose Cirillo

Leonado Salvatore DeFazio

Jackson Lucas Drew

Alexandra Jane Fitzgerald

Samuel Joseph Gallant

Sebastian Gallant

John Christopher Gebski

Lucia Elizabeth Gilbreath

Nicholas Ethan Gorham

Colton Joseph Gorman

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Mary Elizabeth Marshall

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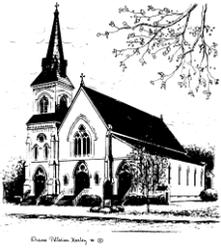
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# Saint Mary's Parish

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August 8, 2020  
Feast of St. Dominic

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

These past few weeks we have had the joy of welcoming more and more children to the Table of the Lord. While the regular First Communion Celebrations were canceled in May due to the Pandemic, small groups of boys and girls are now receiving Jesus for the first time at our regular weekend Masses. The names of the thirty-one who have been received so far are listed on the previous page, along with a small sampling of First Communicant photos. We look forward to welcoming the rest to our Eucharistic Fellowship very soon!

As Catholics, we believe that the Eucharist is not something – rather it is Someone – the True and Living Presence of Jesus Christ. We know by faith that when the bread and wine are blessed by the priest at Mass, they change in essence. By the miracle of the Mass they are no longer bread and wine, rather they become the Body and Blood of Jesus. The same Jesus Who at the Last Supper blessed these very elements, saying “*this is My Body, this is My Blood. Do this in memory of Me.*” The reason we call the Eucharist the “Blessed” Sacrament, is that while all the other Sacraments *connect* us to Jesus, the Eucharist *is* Jesus.

Now the bad news. Last year a Pew Study came out entitled “What Americans Know About Religion.” Shockingly, it reported that only 31% of Catholics believe that the bread and the wine consecrated during the Mass actually become the Body and Blood of Jesus. And that only half of Catholics even know of the Church's teaching concerning the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

In order to help people rediscover this essential teaching of our faith, Cardinal O'Malley declared a Year of the Eucharist. The year began on Corpus Christi Sunday, and will continue through that same feast day next summer. During this time we hope to grow as Catholics in our understanding and our *experience* of the True Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Whether on the altar at Mass, in Holy Communion, or reserved as the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle, the Lord is there – accessible to us in a unique and powerful way.

I think of my own college days, when I would often pray before the Blessed Sacrament in St. Anselm's Abbey Church. Whether seeking academic or personal help, or just sharing with Jesus my hurts and sorrows, I always came away a little lighter in spirit. I always walked away from the tabernacle feeling a little less alone. And I know that the time I spent praying there before the reserved Eucharist ultimately helped me find my vocation and life's path. What a terrible loss for any Catholic to be without this treasure and spiritual resource!

On the next page of this Newsletter you will find more information about the Year of the Eucharist, including an invitation to become a “Year of the Eucharist Missionary.” Please consider it with an open heart. And let us all find ways to help others encounter Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. Scripture tells us that “*God so loved the world that He gave His only Son.*” Jn 3:16 And in the Holy Eucharist, God gives His Son to us again, and again, and again – as many times as the Mass is celebrated. In the Eucharist, Jesus comes to nourish our souls. He comes to strengthen us in holiness. He comes to make bright the power of His love in our lives.

God bless you!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark J. Coiro'. The signature is stylized with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Rev. Mark J. Coiro  
Pastor



# Year of the EUCHARIST

*“Receiving the Eucharist means entering into a profound communion with Jesus. “Abide in me, and I in you” (Jn15:4). This relationship of profound and mutual “abiding” enables us to have a certain foretaste of heaven on earth. Is this not the greatest of human yearnings?”*  
- St. Pope John Paul II

## *BE A YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST MISSIONARY*

### **What is a Year of the Eucharist Missionary?**

A person who believes in the True Presence of the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist and will dedicate themselves to pray, participate in, and promote the Year of the Eucharist.

### **Who can be a Missionary?**

We welcome anyone within and outside of the Archdiocese of Boston to join us as Missionaries, deepening your own love of the Eucharist, and praying for this Eucharistic Year to bear fruit in the whole Church. St. Mary's Year of the Eucharist Coordinators are Fran Crespi and Jim Merski. Please contact Fran Crespi ([st.marysdre1870@gmail.com](mailto:st.marysdre1870@gmail.com)) or Jim Merski ([mjmerski@gmail.com](mailto:mjmerski@gmail.com)) to become a Year of the Eucharist volunteer.

### **What does a Year of the Eucharist Missionary do?**

We call it the Three P's — **Pray, Participate, Promote.**

1. **PRAYER** – Commit to praying an additional 1% each day. That's 15 minutes. This can be done at home, in front of the Blessed Sacrament, by going to Mass, or reading Scripture, etc.

- Families and/or youth under 12 promise to say at least 3 prayers a day, such as the morning offering, grace before meals, and a bedtime prayer.

2. **PARTICIPATION** – Commit to helping with and attending Year of the Eucharist events at your parish, school, shrine, campus ministry, and ecclesial community.

- Consider ways to help homebound missionaries participate, such as picking them up to attend an event and/or have them assist with an administrative task.

3. **PROMOTION** – Commit to witnessing to the power of the Eucharist in your life. You can do this a few different ways: give a witness talk at the end of Mass, on a video, or at a faith formation gathering; write something for the bulletin; make a picture to hang up at home, at church, or at school; spread the word about the Year of the Eucharist events at your parish and in the Archdiocese.

To participate, please go to the Year of the Eucharist website at:

<https://www.bostoncatholic.org/yearoftheeucharist/missionaries> to register and become a Year of the Eucharist Missionary and we will send you a Year of the Eucharist pin and prayer card! Once you register, you will be sent a link to the recorded virtual commissioning ceremony which took place with Cardinal Sean on Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup>.



## RETURNING TO SUNDAY MASS

By Lisa Dufault

Our family returned to Mass on Father's Day weekend. I will be honest with you though, it was a decision my husband and I struggled with. Would we feel safe? Would we feel anxious? Were we making the right choice for our family, returning to Mass instead of viewing safely from home?

As soon as we walked through the doors, however, we had peace in our hearts knowing we had made the right choice. There are such well-orchestrated protocols in place to ensure all who attend Mass are safe. Throughout the pandemic, I have been going to the grocery store and recently started going inside stores like Walmart or Target once a week. I can assure you that St. Mary's Parish is where I have felt the safest while in a public place.

Signing up for our preferred Mass is easy and ensures the recommended number of parishioners is not exceeded. When we walk in, we are greeted, and we give our name to check in. There is hand sanitizer right at check-in for those who did not bring their own. The floors are clearly marked with arrows. There are designated standing spots spaced 6 feet

apart when you go up to receive Communion. Every other pew is blocked off so when you are seated, standing or kneeling, you are spaced 6 feet from fellow parishioners.

Our family is so glad we returned. To be able to pray in person once again alongside other members of the parish while Father Mark celebrates the Mass filled our hearts with profound joy. Receiving the Blessed Sacrament after months of Spiritual Communion was life giving. Ultimately do what is right for you and your family but know that your beautiful parish is ready to welcome you safely, lovingly and six feet apart with open arms.

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## Where Are They Now?



Back in 2011, St. Mary's Parish established the Blessed Mother Scholarship. The intention of this annual award is to celebrate and support a graduating high school senior for their "exceptional service to the St. Mary's Parish Family." Four years after the scholarship is given to a high school graduate, we like to check in and see where they are now. The 2016 Blessed Mother Scholarship recipient was Brian Quistberg ...

On June 19, 2020, Brian graduated from Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and International Studies. He is currently working as a Teaching Assistant for an Academic Summer Program, and he's excited to return to Northwestern in the fall to pursue a Master's in Secondary Education.

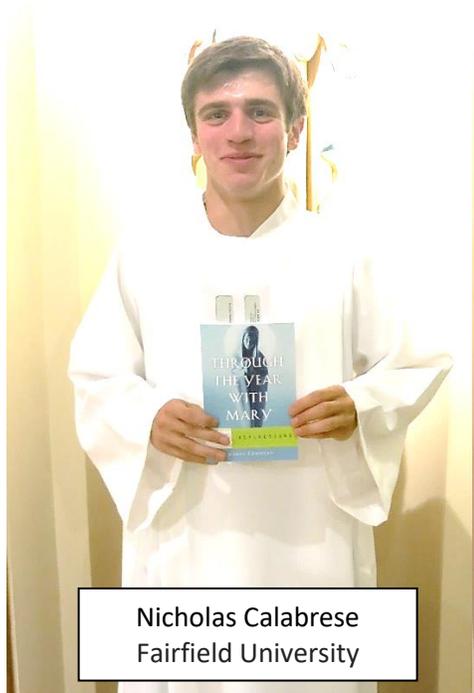
During his time at Northwestern, he volunteered with the Sheil Catholic Center, mainly focusing on addressing homelessness in Chicago. On campus, he enjoyed his time as a mentor for the College Mentors for Kids Club, which brings together college students and local elementary students to encourage growth and confidence. More recently, he studied abroad in Spain, where he volunteered for a program that supports children with hearing loss.

A note from Brian: *"I would like to thank the St. Mary's community for teaching me so many important lessons and values. Over the past four years, I've found myself leaning on the values of compassion, community, and service during various parts of my journey. I know that going forward, these will continue to be important anchors in my life, and I am grateful to have learned them in my time at St. Mary's."*

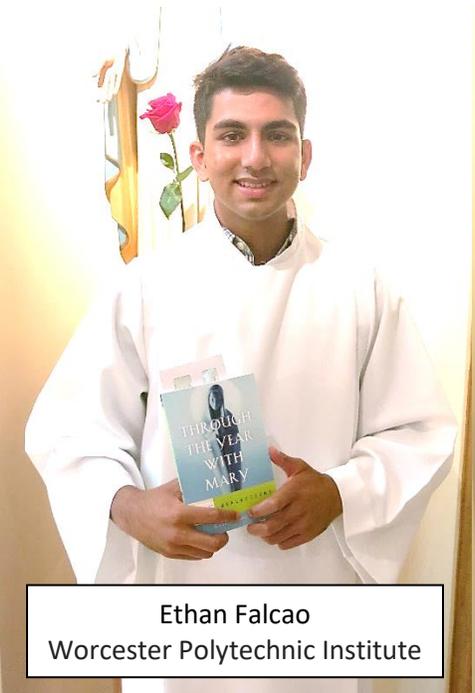


# Senior Altar Servers Honored!

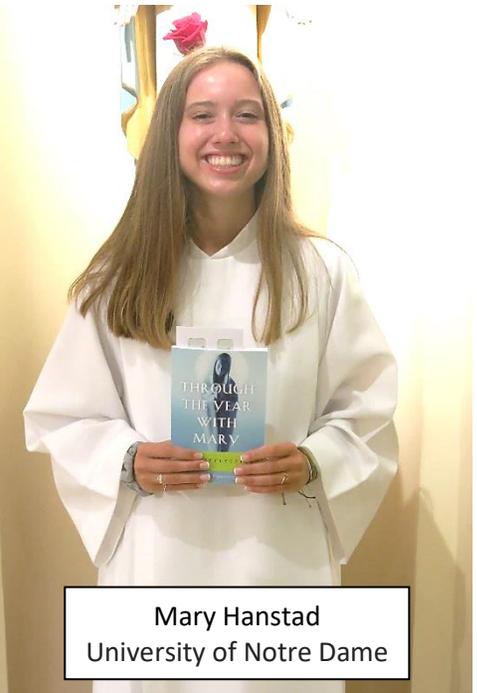
On the weekend of August 1 and 2, just before many of them left for college, St. Mary's honored six of her Senior Altar Servers. Senior Altar Servers are those who commit to ministry at the altar all through High School. They receive special training and help oversee the younger Altar Servers. They are an invaluable resource when it comes to celebrating the more complex liturgies of the Church, especially those of Holy Week. As is our custom, each graduating Senior Altar Server was presented with a scholarship check and gift. This year's gift was a book called, "Through the Year With Mary," offering a short reflection on Our Lady and a prayer for each day of the calendar. Fr. Mark inscribed each book with the words, "May Our Blessed Mother always walk with you, watch over you, and guide your steps toward her Son." Congratulations!



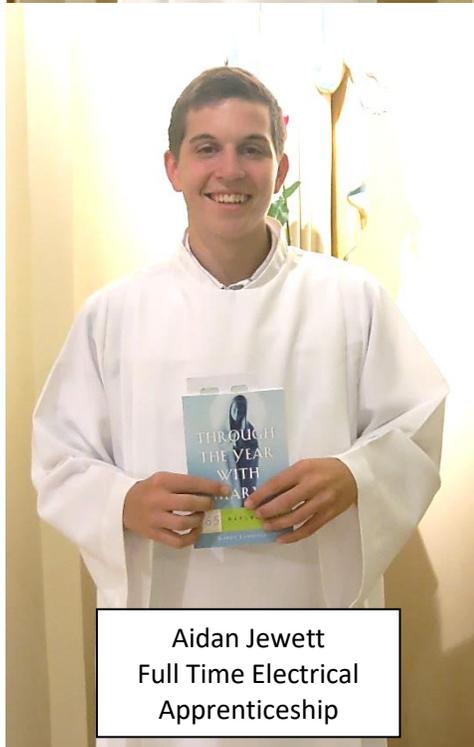
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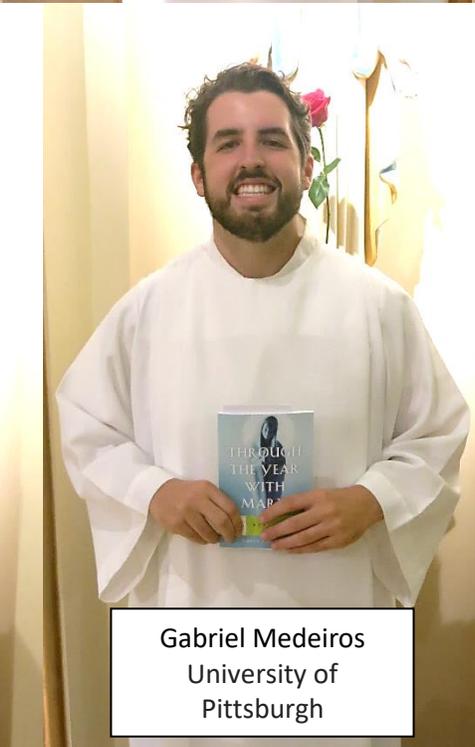
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Worcester Polytechnic Institute



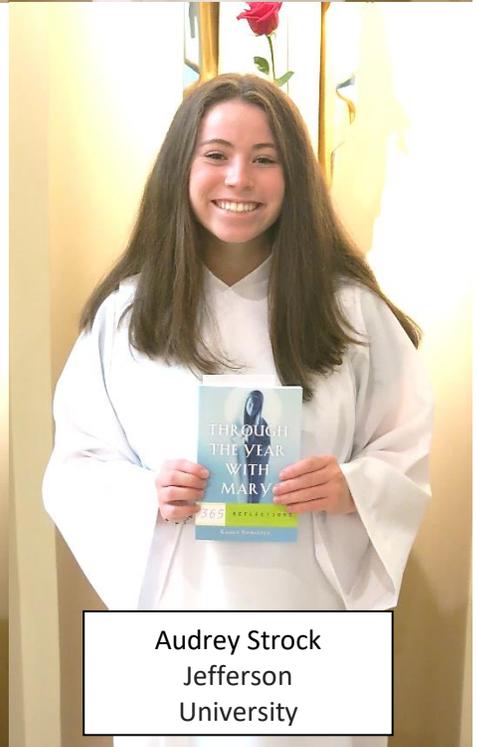
Mary Hanstad  
University of Notre Dame



Aidan Jewett  
Full Time Electrical  
Apprenticeship



Gabriel Medeiros  
University of  
Pittsburgh



Audrey Strock  
Jefferson  
University



## DO YOU WANT TO SEE YOUR CHURCH ...

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

**IF YES, THEN HAVE YOU GIVEN YET TO THE 2020 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 in this hard economy than ever before. Please help the Church help others!

**We want to thank everyone from St. Mary's who has already participated in the 2020 Catholic Appeal.**

**To date our parish has raised \$81,498 from 34% of St. Mary's active households, reaching 93% of our parish goal of \$87,486.**

Catholic Appeal Envelopes may be dropped off at St. Mary's anytime and will be credited toward our Parish's "In Pew Count." This makes us eligible for rebates. Online pledges may be made at [www.BostonCatholicAppeal.org](http://www.BostonCatholicAppeal.org). Please be sure to identify St. Mary's, Holliston, as your parish.



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.”*



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

St. Mary's Council #14224 Summer 2020

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

## MONTHLY ROSARY:

The next Rosary will be  
Wednesday, August 19 at  
7:00 P.M.

**Tentative Parking Lot  
Meeting. Details to follow  
to Knights.**



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 12<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CHARITY RAFFLE:** We've donated over \$210,000 in the past eleven years, **but this year is especially important because the pandemic has really hurt many charities.** We're trying our best to help support them. Council Knights are now selling raffle tickets. One raffle ticket is \$5 or five tickets for \$20, and we have five prizes from \$100 to \$1000. **Ask a Knight you know for tickets. Due to the current pandemic, Knights will follow all social distancing rules and Knights will happily deliver or mail your tickets.**

**You may also purchase tickets by sending your check payable to KofC #14224, name, address, and phone number to TOM ANGUISH, 542 WINTER STREET, HOLLISTON.** We'll fill out your tickets and send your portion back to you. **Live sales at local stores have been put on hold. New schedules will be announced once the state of emergency has been lifted.** We're donating to the Holliston Pantry Shelf and food pantries in other local towns, the Holliston Senior Center, local Habitat for Humanity projects, Homes for our Troops and other veteran's charities. Drawing is scheduled to take place on September 26.

**MONTHLY ROSARY AND COUNCIL MEETING HELD BY PHONE:** The Council recited the Rosary by phone on July 15 led by Knight Don Marden. The Monthly Council meeting was also held after the Rosary. The group conference call was arranged by Knight Anthony DeStefano. The Council decided to hold a live August 19 meeting with details to be announced.

## FOUNDER OF KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TO BE BEATIFIED!

On May 27, Pope Francis approved the promulgation of a decree recognizing a miracle attributed to the intercession of the founder of the Knights of Columbus, Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney, a Connecticut priest who served his flock during the pandemic of 1890, before himself becoming ill and dying of pneumonia. The miracle recognized as coming through Father McGivney's intercession involved an unborn child in the United States who in 2015 was healed in utero of a life-threatening condition after prayers by his family to Father McGivney.



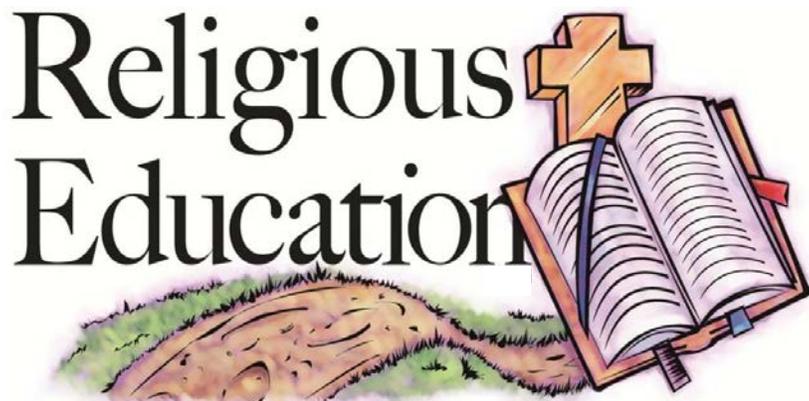
The Pope's action means that Father McGivney can be declared "Blessed," the step just prior to sainthood. An additional miracle attributed to Father McGivney's intercession will be required for his canonization as a saint. The date for his Beatification has now been set for October 31, in Hartford, CT. It will include the reading of an apostolic letter from the Holy Father and the bestowing of the title "Blessed" on Father McGivney.

McGivney is best known for founding the Knights of Columbus in 1882. Nearly a century before the Second Vatican Council, his prescient vision empowered the laity to serve Church and neighbor in a new way. Today, the Knights of Columbus is one of the largest Catholic organizations in the world with 2 million members in North and Latin America, the Caribbean, Asia, and Europe.

Earlier this year, in an address to the Knights of Columbus Board of Directors, Pope Francis said the organization has been faithful *"to the vision of your founder, Venerable Michael McGivney, who was inspired by the principles of Christian charity and fraternity to assist those most in need."*

*"Father McGivney has inspired generations of Catholic men to roll up their sleeves and put their faith into action,"* Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson said. *"He was decades ahead of his time in giving the laity an important role within the Church. Today, his spirit continues to shape the extraordinary charitable work of Knights as they continue to serve those on the margins of society as he served widows and orphans in the 1880s. Father McGivney also remains an important role model for parish priests around the world and left us a transformative legacy of effective cooperation between the laity and clergy."*

# Religious Education



## REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW PAST DUE FOR FALL 2020 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

The deadline to register children for Religious Education Classes in the Fall of 2020 was Monday, June 15. Class time choices are on a first come first served basis.

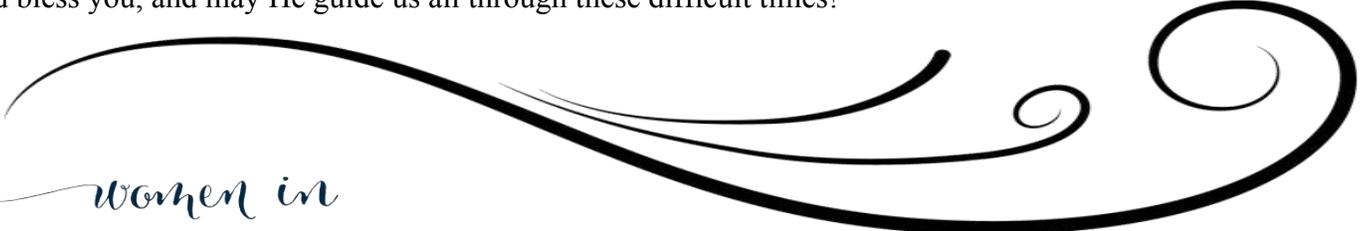
The Registration Forms are still available on St. Mary's Website:

<https://stmarysholliston.com/> under

Register/Parish Forms on the main page. Forms

should be accompanied by full payment made out to St. Mary's Parish. Scholarships or payment plans are available. Open to families with children entering Pre-K through Grade 10. If you are new to Holliston and want to register your children please contact us at [st.marysre1870@gmail.com](mailto:st.marysre1870@gmail.com). Welcome!

**PANDEMIC CLASSES:** Just like the public schools, St. Mary's Religious Education Program is still assessing the safest way to offer instruction during the Pandemic. We have received guidelines from the Archdiocese and are conducting a survey of all Religious Education Families. Regardless of what form the program takes, we urge you to register your children now so that we can have adequate resources and teachers ready to serve them. God bless you, and may He guide us all through these difficult times!



women in  
**WINGS**  
God's spirit

## *Come Reflect on How the Eucharist Sustains Us*

*"I am the living bread that came down from heaven." (John 6:51)*

### *Fall 2020 Season ~ The Centrality of the Eucharist*

#### FALL PREVIEW

**What does believing in Jesus' TRUE presence in the Eucharist really mean?**

**The Eucharist Transforms Us.**

**How is the Eucharist OUR Bread of Life?**

**The Church is the living Body of Christ.**

*The WINGS ministry provides an opportunity for women of all ages to grow in faith wherever they are on their spiritual journey.*

*"WINGS is a place where I can learn about my Catholic faith in a way that isn't possible anywhere else. It challenges me and gives me a new way to look at things and helps me to grow in my faith each week."*

**Questions:**  
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**Sign up:**  
[betty.febo@gmail.com](mailto:betty.febo@gmail.com)



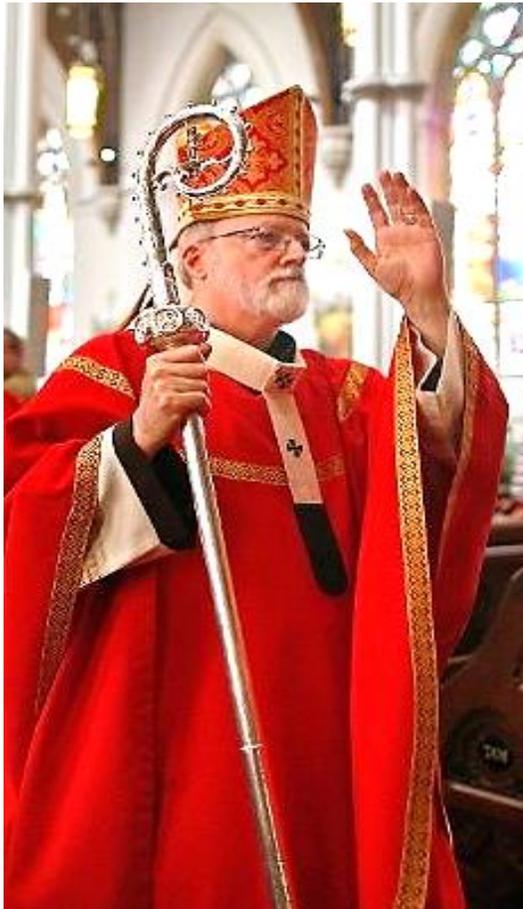
# 1870-2020 Celebrating 150 years!



ST. MARY'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

**ANNIVERSARY IN A PANDEMIC:** Although most of the major events planned to celebrate St. Mary's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary have had to be postponed due to the COVID 19 Pandemic, we are grateful that the two most important ones still took place. The first was the Parish Mission with Jon Leonetti back on February 9, 10 and 11. More than 400 parishioners attended each evening, to pray, be inspired and reinvigorated in their faith. Spiritual enrichment for our people was an anniversary priority.

The other was the establishment of a sister parish relationship – a way for St. Mary's to grow in charity and in her Catholic identity. The word "Catholic" means universal, and we are joined now to the Parish of Our Lady of Fatima in Beit Sahour, Palestine. The people there share our Catholic faith but speak Arabic and enjoy a culture and way of life very different from our own. We hope this new relationship will allow us to stretch and grow in diversity. Already both parishes are praying for each other each weekend and offering Mass for each other on the First Friday of each month. Next March, St. Mary's parishioners will visit Beit Sahour on Pilgrimage, and we hope that many friendships and bonds of faith will be formed.



## NEW ANNIVERSARY EVENT DATES:

**Holy Land Pilgrimage:** March 12 - 21, 2021. Anyone interested in "adding on" should contact Cara Camden at 206 Tours, [cara@206tours.com](mailto:cara@206tours.com).

**Cardinal O'Malley's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass at St. Mary's:** Sunday, May 16, 2021 at 11:30 AM. *Photo of Cardinal O'Malley Left.*

**Anniversary Gala:** Saturday, November 13, 2021. It will still be held in the Regency Ballroom, DoubleTree Inn, Milford, with dinner, dancing, a live band, and silent auction.

**"Sing of Mary," Anniversary Concert:** TBA

**ANNIVERSARY VIDEO UPDATE:** We managed to have the first two videos shown in the Religious Education Center lobby before the building was closed by the pandemic. The third and fourth videos in the series (Parish Buildings and Parish Life) are in production. Plans are being made to upload the entire series to the Parish website.

**PARISH ANNIVERSARY HISTORY BOOK UPDATE:** Fr. Mark and the Anniversary Committee have made the difficult decision to postpone the publication of the Anniversary History Book to next year. While I am still researching and writing, we did not want the book to end with all the wonderful celebratory activities we planned that had to be cancelled. The anniversary events are being rescheduled for next year and we wanted the book to include those activities. Our official founding date is November 29, 1870. Watch the November 29, 2020 Bulletin for a book excerpt on the

life of our founding Pastor, Fr. Quinlan. Since the book is postponed, there is plenty of time for you to send me any stories/photos you have not yet had a chance to gather. Please forward to [betty.febo@gmail.com](mailto:betty.febo@gmail.com) or call (508) 429-7190. Thank you. Betty Febo

# 1870-2020

## Celebrating 150 years!



ST. MARY'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Do You Know?** This month's article contains a few mysteries you might be able to help me solve.

**The land that was developed into Cole Court** was sold to the town by the Archdiocese of Boston in Sept. 1973. It included 9.8 acres. The *Holliston Directory* for 1882, under the heading "St. Mary's Church", lists a "Mission Chapel (East Holliston)". I have not found if there was ever a physical building there and Fr. Quinlan never mentioned a Mission Chapel or owning land in East Holliston in his ledger accounts or Mass announcements book. My current theory is that it may have been part of the land purchased in 1873 for St. Mary's Cemetery, but the railroad would have cut across the property. I have a copy of the cemetery deed but I have not yet tried to match the cemetery boundaries with the Cole Court property.

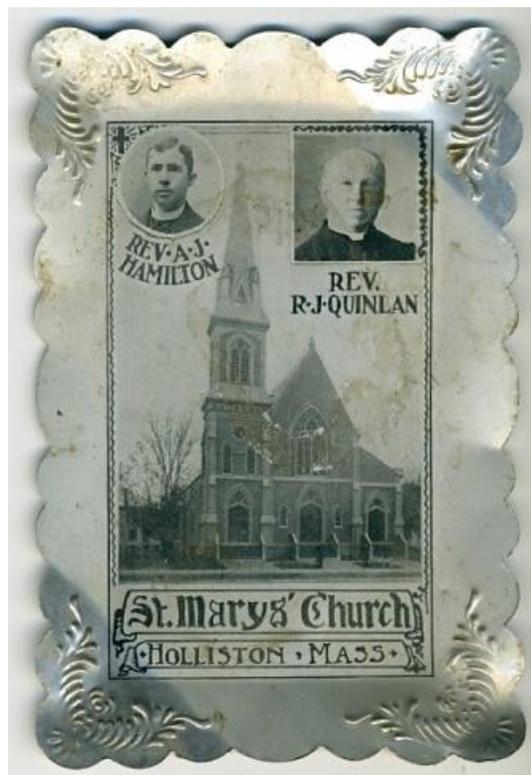
**St. Mary's owned a parish house on Elm Street** in the 1960s that was used for religious education classes and as a drop-in teen center on Friday nights. Chaperoned dances were held as well as other activities. It burned down in August 1972. I would love to have more info on this.

**This beautiful small silver tray** is owned by Mary Cassidy Hickey, daughter of Francis Hickey and Agnes Bray Hickey. It depicts St. Mary's Church with an image of Fr. Quinlan in the top right and Rev. Alexander Hamilton in the top left with a small cross in the top left corner. It is not known what the occasion was. Rev. Alexander J. Hamilton was born in Holliston, attended Holliston schools, served as an altar boy under Fr. Quinlan, assisted Fr. Quinlan at St. Mary's for a few years after he was ordained, and left in 1906 to become Pastor at St. Cecelia's in Ashland. It could date from 1891 when Fr. Hamilton was ordained, or perhaps 1906 when he left for St. Cecelia's. Rev. Hamilton was dearly loved at St. Mary's and parishioners presented him with a \$300.00 check when he left.

A postcard of the church from the late 1960s/early 1970s shows a **movie screen** outside at the altar end of the church by Elm Street. Were outdoor movies shown? Was this as part of the teen night events?

In 1945, the crosses on the church were donated by Mrs. Margaret Keady in memory of Henry M. Keady. Henry was a mail clerk in Holliston. Was Henry previously married to Julia Heffernan?

I will soon be working on the parishioners memorialized on our stain glass windows for the Anniversary History Book, so if anyone has any information on these parishioners I would appreciate it if you would contact me Betty Febo, (508) 429-7190 or [betty.febo@gmail.com](mailto:betty.febo@gmail.com).





## Troop 14 Holliston

Boy Scouts of America  
St. Mary's Parish \* Summer, 2020

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

Contact: Chris Baribeau, Scoutmaster  
508.579.4357

Email: [Troop14Holliston@yahoo.com](mailto:Troop14Holliston@yahoo.com)

Website: [www.hollistontroop14.com](http://www.hollistontroop14.com)

St. Mary's Boy Scout Troop 14 meets weekly on Monday nights in the Lower Church. If interested in joining Troop 14, just contact the Scoutmaster. It is an ideal organization for boys 11-17 years old.

### REGULAR MONDAY NIGHT MEETINGS RETURN AFTER LABOR DAY

The Troop will be back in full swing again for the fall with weekly Monday night meetings.

*(maybe still virtually).*

**ST. MARY'S BOY SCOUT TROOP 14:** While we did not have weekly Troop meetings during the summer, Troop 14 ended the Scout year on some high notes in June and have remained active throughout summer.

**END OF THE YEAR COURT OF HONOR AND VIRTUAL COOKOUT:** On Monday, June 22, Troop 14 held its 1<sup>st</sup> ever Virtual Cookout and Virtual Court of Honor. Prior to the gathering, the Scouts grilled hamburgers and hot dogs for their families at home and then the Troop joined together virtually (via Zoom) to eat their meals, review the highlights of the past few months and present badges and awards to the Scouts. Some of the Troop activities accomplished and achievements recognized included:

- Two Scavenger Hunts.
- Three Virtual Campouts.
- Making Cards for Healthcare Workers - Service Project.
- 1,026 miles hiked by the Troop (see article below).
- Welcoming the five new Scouts that joined the Troop over the past few months, including Brendan Climer, Evan Craze, Hiatt Mueller, Colin Hodgdon, and Elijah Vieira-Green.
- Thanked and congratulated Roman Bolshakov, Nick Cappello, Nico Doyle, Brendan Irons, Mike Lola, Jon Lukowiak, Drew Mahoney, Jon Malcolm, Brandon Paradie, Griffin Ripley, Ian Shaw for their leadership and service to the Troop. These 11 Senior Scouts are all heading to college in the fall. As of the end of July, three of these Scouts have completed the Rank of Eagle Scout and four are completing their final Eagle Rank requirements and paperwork submission to the BSA for final approval.
- Since the last Court of Honor in February, Troop 14 Scouts have completed 523 rank requirements and earned 62 merit badges. In addition, the following Scouts advanced in rank: Bhumini Karunakar – Scout; Luke Burgett – Tenderfoot; Jack Baribeau and Colby Magoon – Second Class; Mark Lagodimos and Andrew McWilliams – First Class; Danny Baribeau – Star.
- Summer 2020 High Adventure Trip (see article below).

**HIKING CHALLENGE:** As written in the past few Newsletters, Scoutmaster Chris Baribeau challenged the Troop to get outside and hike! The challenge started in mid-March and officially ended on June 15. A total of 16 Scouts and leaders participated and following social distancing guidelines, logged in a total of 1,026 miles. Luke Burgett led the Troop with 168 miles, and the Unnamed Patrol had the most miles with 216.6 miles, averaging 36.1 miles per Scout.



**HIGH ADVENTURE SUMMER 2020:** Troop 14 has a long tradition of planning, training and conducting challenging High Adventure trips for the older, more experienced Scouts each summer. As stated in the Troop 14 High Adventure Mission Statement, these trips are multiple days outings designed to physically and mentally challenge the Scouts (and Leaders) and to promote personal responsibility and growth through team building, leadership development and fun through various outdoor activities. Understanding that we need to remain flexible and make adjustments in these current times depending on the COVID-19 situation, we cancelled our week long trip to Acadia National Park and instead, this year's High Adventure consists of a number of hikes, each progressively more difficult, on each of the four major hiking trail systems across Massachusetts, summiting the highest peak on each of the trails, with the fifth and final hike summiting two 4000' peaks in New Hampshire's White Mountains. To date, we have completed:

- Bay Circuit Trail - Day Hike, Callahan State Park through Nobscot to Rte. 20, 7.6 miles, summiting Mt. Nobscot elev. 602'.
- Mid State Trail - Day Hike, Princeton, MA, 12 miles, summiting Mt. Wachusett elev. 2006'.
- New England Trail - Day Hike, Warwick, MA, 10.2 miles, summiting Mt. Grace elev. 1621', total hike ascent of 2,637' and descent of 1,998'. *(Photo at Bottom of Previous Page).*

**UPCOMING HIKES:**

- Appalachian Trail - Day Hike (possible overnight hike), Adams, MA, summiting Mt. Greylock elev. 3,489'. *(Photo at Bottom of Previous Page).*
- White Mountains of NH – Day Hike, Two 4000'+ peaks, mountains TBD.

**SCOUT OF THE YEAR:**

Holliston VFW Post 8507 has named Jon Lukowiak, a Troop 14 Eagle Scout, their 2020 Scout of the Year. The award was presented at an outdoor ceremony on July 28, attended by Jon's parents, Scout Leader, and a few Troop members.



VFW Commander David deGanne told Jon that he “received this award because, in the eyes of your Scouting, academic and community leaders, you have exemplified the standard of excellence and selfless service to which all Eagle candidates aspire.” He went on to say that “The relationship between Scouting and the VFW dates back to the early years of the First World War, and is founded on the ethos of true patriotism and community service common to both organizations.” In addition to this recognition and a monetary award, the VFW forwarded Jon’s credentials for consideration on the national level. Congratulations Jon! *(Photos Above & Left).*

# St. Mary's Youth Ministry and Music Ministry Offices Welcomed a Summer Intern, Olivia Hastie!

Although we had to cancel many of our St. Mary's events these last few months, God provided us with a full-time intern to assist with our work this Summer. Olivia Hastie is a lifelong parishioner at St. Mary's and a rising Junior at the College of the Holy Cross majoring in Religious Studies and Political Science. She was able to intern while working from home under the direction of our Music Director, Kevin Lyczak and our Youth Minister, Jake Thiringer.

Olivia is a graduate of the St. Mary's Youth Choir and while working with the Music Ministry this summer, she was able to assist with behind the scenes music organization that makes things easier for our Music Ministry to operate at full speed on a weekly basis. She learned how to use the popular Sheet Music Arranging Software "Finale" and helped with the online video classes for our Royal School of Church Music training with the St. Mary's Children's Choir. She assisted Mr. Lyczak in facilitating lessons and working with the students.

*"This internship has helped me continue my discernment into a life of loving and serving God wherever I go."*

Olivia also enjoyed working with our Youth Ministry Office. Jake and Olivia had weekly "Discipleship" meetings over video call. These were a chance for Jake to share with Olivia many of the lessons and skills he found useful in his ministry. Lessons they covered included: Living as a Missionary Disciple, Leading a Bible Study, Sharing the Gospel, and Growing in Virtue. Jake also helped Olivia write and learn how to present her testimony of how God has worked in her life, as well as share some of the paths someone called to a career in ministry might take. Olivia also helped with the graphic design of our EPIC promotional materials, led a virtual EPIC meeting, and wrote questions for our Discussion groups that were made up of teens and adults that were supposed to go on the Mississippi Mission Trip.



A (socially distanced) picture of (from left to right) Youth Minister Jake Thiringer, Intern Olivia Hastie, and Music Director Kevin Lyczak.

Olivia learned a lot during her internship at St. Mary's. When reflecting on the opportunity she shared, *"As someone hoping to pursue ministry as a career, it meant a lot to come back to where it all started. I discovered a deep love and connection with God through St. Mary's faith formation and have continued to build that love as an intern. I'm so grateful for what I have learned here and am excited for God to give the opportunity to use the skills I learned and ways I grew during this time! This internship has helped me continue my discernment into a life of loving and serving God wherever I go."*

## ADULT FAITH RESOURCES SUMMER 2020

# got faith?



**THE ENVIRONMENT:** This year, 2020, marks the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Earth Day here in the US and the fifth Anniversary of the promulgation of Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato' Si*. The Pope has called for a year of reflection on *Laudato Si'* and the Vatican has recently released a document called *Journeying Towards Care of Our Common Home: Five Years after Laudato Si'*. According to the Vatican News website, this document offers a "guide to all Christians on how to maintain a healthy relationship with all Creation." Crux, an online source for Catholic news, calls it a "users' guide". You can find a recording of the press conference

announcing the release of the document and a description of its content at <https://bit.ly/VatPressConf>. On another note, September 1 through October 4 is known in the Christian world as the **Season of Creation**; the theme this year is Jubilee for the Earth. You can find more information about the Season at its website <https://seasonofcreation.org/>. If you click on Catholic in the Denominations drop down on the top of the page, you will find various helpful resources as well as News regarding the Season of Creation from different corners of the globe.

**SUNDAY READINGS:** On the weekend of August 22/23, we will hear Jesus ask the question of his disciples "Who do you say that I am?" Peter responded with what is now known as his great confession of faith: "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God". This question is one for all of us to ponder and then to answer. The following weekend, August 29/30, the psalm response, from Psalm 63, invites us to pray "My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord, my God". May we pray this verse with great fervor, seeking God with our whole being! You can prepare for each Sunday's readings at <https://liturgy.slu.edu/>.

**RACISM:** There is an article in *America Magazine*, written by Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, which discusses how several themes of Catholic Social Teaching can help explain why black lives matter. You can find this article at <https://bit.ly/ArchbishopLori>. This author does not endorse the political organization known as Black Lives Matter, but rather looks at the words themselves to see what truth can be found in them that resonates with Gospel values.

**"JUST" WONDERING:** What do we Catholics believe about Labor Day, which is celebrated this year on Monday, September 7? For starters, you can see what the US Department of Labor says about Labor Day at <https://www.dol.gov/general/laborday/history>. The Catholic perspective on the holiday is offered on the US Bishops' website, <https://bit.ly/CatholicLaborDay>. One of the themes of Catholic Social Teaching (CST) that is directly relevant to our celebration of Labor Day is the dignity of work and the rights of workers. Catholic Relief Services has produced a series of videos on CST themes. Check out the video on the dignity of work at <https://bit.ly/DignityofWork>; it features our own Cardinal Archbishop Seán O'Malley as one of the speakers.

**SPOTLIGHT ON CATHOLICISM IN ACTION:** The Catholic Climate Covenant is a non-profit organization based in Washington, DC. Its mission is posted on its website: "Catholic Climate Covenant inspires and equips people and institutions to care for creation and care for the poor. Through our 19 national partners, we guide the U.S. Church's response to climate change by educating, giving public witness, and offering resources." Check out this organization's website at <https://catholicclimatecovenant.org/>.

—Leo Racine



## A LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS!

As soon as the churches closed, St. Mary's placed the Blessed Sacrament in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor rectory window facing the Town Hall.

This allows people to park on Washington Street, look up, and pray before the Holy Eucharist in safety.

May the Body of Christ now visible, remind us of the abiding presence of God in this hard time, and the greatness of His love for us.

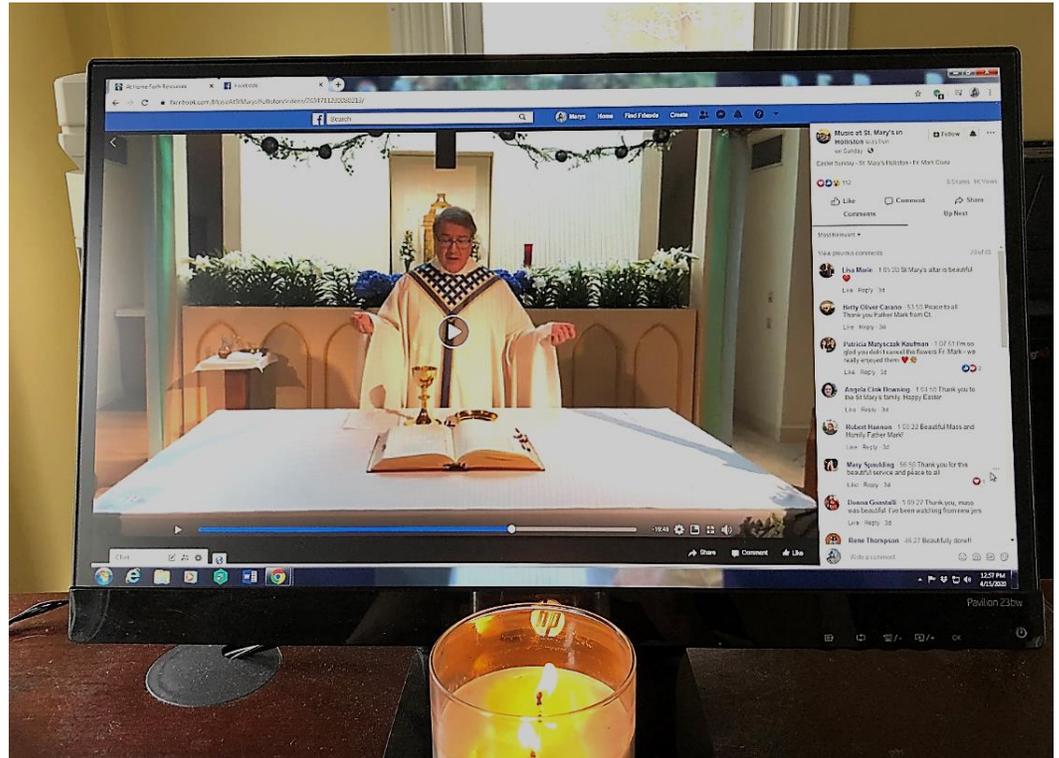
Please help spread the word!

## ST. MARY'S MASS LIVE-STREAMED

History was made on Sunday, March 22, 2020, when Mass was live-streamed from St. Mary's Church in Holliston for the very first time. With churches closed due to the COVID 19 Pandemic, the live-streamed Masses allow our Parish Community to pray "together from afar." It means so much to people to be able to see their spiritual home each week!

How can you join in?

**Every Sunday, the 11:30 AM Mass is being live-streamed from our beautiful St. Mary's Church.**



You may watch this Mass live on Holliston Cable Access: **Verizon Fios Ch. 33** or **Comcast Xfinity Ch. 96**.

Or you can visit: <https://www.facebook.com/MusicAtStMarysHolliston> and scroll down. You do not need a Facebook account to access this page. If you arrive "early," you may need to hit the refresh button. Welcome!