

MEMORIAL DAY

- We Will Never Forget -



St. Mary's Parish



Our Mission:

"To know Christ and to make Him known."

Mass Schedule:

Monday through Friday
9:00 AM

Saturday Vigils
5:00 PM
7:30 PM

Sunday
7:30 AM
9:30 AM Family Mass
(C.L.O.W. Sept. – May)
11:30 AM Sung Mass

Holy Days: Announced

Adoration Schedule:

First Fridays from
9:30-10:30 AM

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Dear Visitors: Welcome! We are delighted that you chose to worship with us this day. Please introduce yourself to the priest, and if you are interested in becoming a member of the parish then please call the rectory to register. Please also be aware that for generations it has been the custom at St. Mary's to kneel together for a silent Hail Mary at the end of Mass.

Please join in!

Confession: Saturdays from Noon to 12:45 PM or by advance appointment.

Anointing of the Sick: Any time by appointment. Please call as soon as you are aware of a serious illness or upcoming surgery.

Baptism: The 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month. To register for Baptism Preparation call 429-4427.

Marriage: Please call at least 6 months in advance of your desired wedding date. Congratulations!



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May 30, 2021
Feast of the Most Holy Trinity

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

This weekend we honor the men and women who have laid down their lives in defense of our nation's freedom; as well as those now serving in our military. No matter our feelings about any particular military conflict, we can all agree that we owe a debt of gratitude to those who put the preservation of these United States before their own safety. As Jesus Himself said, *"There is no greater love than this, to lay down one's life for a friend."* We therefore invoke this Memorial Day God's blessings on all our nation's veterans. For those who have died, we ask God's mercy and peace. For those present among us, we ask His strength and constant support. For those servicemen and women currently under arms, we ask His strong protection. May God protect them even as they protect us. And may their efforts lead to a lasting, and just peace in the world.

One God, existing as three distinct persons, sharing the same divine nature. This is the great mystery celebrated by today's Feast of the Holy Trinity, a truth revealed in Sacred Scripture but impossible for the mind to fully comprehend. Over the centuries, many illustrations have been offered for the Holy Trinity – an equilateral triangle, the shamrock, three musical notes making a single chord of sound, just to name a few.

Ultimately, all examples fall short. But while we may never fully grasp the mystery of the Trinity, there is one very important truth that it reveals. Our God, even in His inmost being, is a God of relationships. What are Father and Son if not titles that speak to us of relationship, the Holy Spirit in all love flowing from them both? And if our God is first and foremost a God who relates, even within Himself, then it should not surprise us that in order to draw close to Him, we also must enter into relationships. Truly this is the most basic premise of the Church, the belief that we can draw closer to God as a community of faith than we could ever do as isolated individuals. The Church, a body of believers entering into relationships of mutual love, faith, and support is in one sense an image of the Trinity.

The fact that relationships are key in drawing close to God was clearly expressed in Jesus' answer to the question, "What is the greatest commandment?" Jesus said, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like unto it: Love your neighbor as yourself." Jesus is asked to name one commandment, but He answers with two commandments that are inseparable – love God and love your neighbor. The first is not possible without the second, as the Triune God is relational. Whenever therefore we seek to build community, to extend ourselves selflessly to each other in love, we are acting in a Trinitarian manner.

Sacramental Marriage has sometimes been expressed as a reflection of Trinitarian love in that it consists of husband, wife, and the Lord. Appropriately, I will have the privilege this afternoon of celebrating the Marriage of Sarah Barry, (daughter of Deacon John and Diane Barry), to Justin Palazzo. Please pray that they will be richly blessed as their human love is now united to the divine, eternal love which is God Himself.

On this weekend when many pandemic restrictions are being relaxed for those already vaccinated, let us all commit ourselves to the work of outreach and the rebuilding our parish family of faith.

God bless you and Welcome Home!

Rev. Mark J. Coiro
Pastor

TODAY - Emergency COVID Special Collection for the Church in India and Brazil



Dear Friends In Christ,

As you may know, there is immense suffering and loss of life occurring in India and Brazil due to the pandemic. The Catholic Church, through Catholic Relief Services (CRS), is on the ground in those countries working to support local hospitals and programs which are being overwhelmed and which have reached a breaking point.

Given our own experience in the United States with regards to the pandemic and the important role the Church has in being able to respond to global events, we have an opportunity to assist relief efforts in India and Brazil. To learn more about CRS efforts in the affected areas please click [here](#).

With that in mind, Cardinal Seán has authorize an **Emergency COVID Special Collection for the Church in India and Brazil** to be taken the weekend of May 29-30 in all parishes in the Archdiocese of Boston.

The size and scope of the crisis is enormous. In India more 24 million cases have been reported with deaths surpassing 260,000. In Brazil, cases have surpassed 15 million while more than 428,000 deaths have been reported. This global pandemic is both historic and devastating in its impact. More than 161 million cases have been reported and with than 3.3 million deaths.

Make your Emergency Collection gift online at:

<https://parish.bostoncatholic.org/covid-19-support-india-brazil?fid=16301>.

To participate, parishioners may also address a check to St. Mary's Parish, with "India and Brazil Relief" in the memo. Ideally, the checks might also be in a separate envelope labelled "India and Brazil Relief, through this is not required.

Checks may then be mailed in or dropped off to the parish. You may also participate through WeShare or via Automatic Giving.



The Parish will then send a single check to the Archdiocese of Boston, for "India and Brazil Relief." These funds will be sent in full to Catholic Relief Services.

On behalf of the Cardinal, thank you for your attentiveness to this important collection and expression of our solidarity with those who are suffering.

PARISH STAFF:

Rev. Mark J. Coiro, Pastor
 The Xaverian Fathers, Weekend Assistance
 Deacon John D. Barry, Permanent Deacon
 Deacon Ronald A. Dowding, Permanent Deacon
 Deacon Martin Breinlinger, Senior Deacon
 Mrs. Fran Crespi, D.R.E., Grades K-7
 Mr. Kevin Lyczak, Director of Music
 Mrs. Mary Beth Harris, Parish Secretary
 Mrs. Robin Rogers, Religious Education Secretary
 Ms. Mary Sanning, Business Manager
 Mrs. Najat Whalen, Sacristan
 Mr. Billy Hanson, Parish Facilities
 R & R Landscaping, Cemetery Care

PARISH OFFERTORY LAST WEEKEND:

Automatic Giving: \$ 3,531.50
 WeShare: \$ 2,849.73
 Offertory Envelopes
 dropped off / mailed in: \$ 7,327.00
 Total Offertory: \$ 13,708.23

**OFFERTORY
SHORTFALL:****\$ 1,291.77**

May God bless you for your faithful stewardship.
 Thank you for making up any missed weekly
 offertory support.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND:

Emergency COVID Special Collection for the Church
 in India and Brazil. See previous page for options to
 give, or donate online at
<https://parish.bostoncatholic.org/covid-19-support-india-brazil?fid=16301>.

THE ROSE FOR LIFE: Is sponsored this week by
 Mary Nolan. Please join her in prayer for an unborn
 child. To sponsor, please call 508-429-4427.

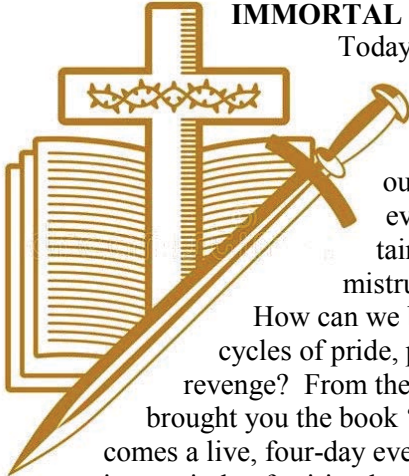
MEMORIAL DAY, MONDAY, MAY 31: Mass at
 St. Mary's Church at 9:00 AM. Prayers and military
 honors at St. Mary's Cemetery at 10:00 AM.

REGISTER FOR FALL RELIGIOUS

EDUCATION BY JUNE 18, 2021! Registrations for
 the 2021-2022 school year have been mailed and can be
 accessed through St. Mary's website at
www.stmarysholliston.com under Register / Parish
 Forms. The deadline for returning the Registration
 Form is Friday, June 18. Our program is planning on
 in-person classes in late September and early October
 unless otherwise specified by the Archdiocese of Boston
 for the safety and well-being of the children, staff and
 volunteers. More information to follow.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday	May 29
5:00	Robert Ward Bierig
7:30	James Porcello
Sunday	May 30
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Linda Grady
11:30	Dolores Wilverding
Monday	May 31
9:00	Our Nation's Fallen Heroes
Tuesday	June 1
9:00	Eugenia Moraski
Wednesday	June 2
9:00	Rev. Daniel Hickey
Thursday	June 3
9:00	Catherine MacNeil
Friday	June 4
9:00	Fr. Issa & the People of our Sister Parish, Our Lady of Fatima, Beit Sahour
Saturday	June 5
5:00	Vasco and Pauline Brovelli
7:30	John and Helen Shannahan
Sunday	June 6
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Choir Promotion Mass
11:30	Marie Meehan, 9 th Anv.



IMMORTAL COMBAT:

Today, we are more divided than ever. How can we hope to reunite our society when everything seems tainted by fear and mistrust of the other?

How can we break the vicious cycles of pride, prejudice, and revenge? From the author who brought you the book 'Immortal Combat,' comes a live, four-day event that will usher you into a circle of spiritual warriors strategizing how to fight darkness with light. Fr. Dwight's course helps you dive into the primary mission of your life and fend off the evils that can ensnare you on the way. Great & Main, a local publishing and community organization company, is hosting this online course on June 7, 9, 14, and 16 from 8 to 9:15 PM. The price was recently discounted to \$79. Please reach out to St. Mary's parishioner Meghan Krenselewski at meghan@greatandmain.com with any questions! Register here: <https://greatandmain.com/longenecker-masterclass-immortal-combat/>.

ST. MARY'S PARISH HOLLISTON PANDEMIC PROTOCOLS



FOR THOSE FULLY VACCINATED. As of May 29, 2021, fully vaccinated people (two weeks past their second shot), are no longer required to wear masks or socially distance in our buildings. This applies to worship and other parish activities.

** Please note that masks will be required to sit in the church transepts, see below.*

This change is by the honor system. Non-masked people will not have to show proof of vaccination. Every parishioner and every family will make a sound, reasonable decision about when they are ready to take off their masks and be near other people. Some people who are comfortable dropping social distancing may not yet be comfortable taking off their masks. They are free to continue to wear masks as long as they like.

FOR THOSE UNVACCINATED. Because unvaccinated people are more likely to contract the Covid Virus and transmit it to others - even if they themselves are asymptomatic - we respectfully ask the unvaccinated to continue wearing masks. This is out of concern for the safety of others, as well as their own. Please do your part to keep all our people safe.

NAVE CHURCH SEATING. The entire nave of the church (main body), will no longer be taped off for social distancing. Both masked and non-masked people may sit there, availing themselves of any and all pew space. *If not wearing a mask, please enter the church through the front doors to avoid passing through the transept 'mask required' sections.*

TRANSEPT CHURCH SEATING. Both church transepts (side wings), will remain taped off every other pew for social distancing, and masks are required to sit in the transepts. This is a recommended provision for people who are not yet ready to sit near other people, or to be near people who are not wearing masks. *Those wishing to sit in the transepts and not pass through the nave (where some will not have masks on), should enter the church through the Parish Center stairs.*

HAND SANITIZING. All are asked to please still sanitize their hands immediately upon entering the church. The church will continue to be sanitized and aired out on a regular basis.

SUNDAY MASS OBLIGATION. The dispensation from the obligation for coming to Sunday Mass has not yet been lifted, and even when it is, if a parishioner is feeling ill they should remain at home. It is understood that different people will be ready to take off their masks and sit near one another at different times. Virtual participation in the Mass is encouraged each week, and St. Mary's Sunday, 11:30 AM Mass will continue to be livestreamed for now.

MASS SIGN-UPS. Advance Sign-ups are no longer required to attend Mass, nor will records be kept of those attending.

COVID EXPOSURE. If we learn that someone with Covid attended a Mass at St. Mary's, a general notification will be made to the Parish. *Please be sure that St. Mary's has your current email address!*

SINGING AT MASS. Fully restored, sing away! We hope to soon make missals and hymnals available for each family. You can bring these to Mass and take them home with you each week. This will avoid any contamination from shared books and allow us to spray / sanitize the empty pew book racks. (You could also keep these in your car for convenience).

THE SIGN OF PEACE. For the present, please continue to offer this to others with a bow or wave rather than shaking hands.

DISTRIBUTING HOLY COMMUNION. Both clergy and Eucharistic Ministers will continue to wear masks to give out Holy Communion. They will disinfect their hands before distributing the Body of Christ.

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION. Communion continues to be received on the hand only. The Precious Blood is not yet available for Communion.

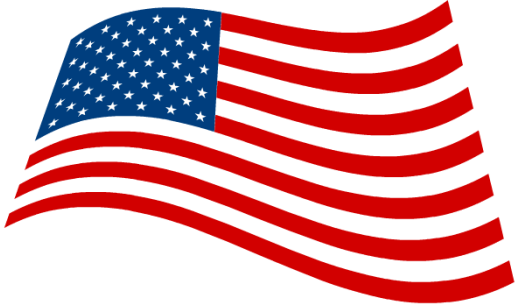
MASS COLLECTIONS. Technically, collections may be taken up by basket again. However, St. Mary's is unable to do so at this time. We did not have enough ushers before the pandemic, and a number of our faithful older ushers are now too infirm to resume this ministry. Once Mass attendance approaches normal levels, we will need to do a major recruitment and training program for ushers. Collections will resume at Mass when we have ushers ready for all Masses. In the meantime, please mail in or drop off your weekly offertory and special collection envelopes. **Or better yet ...**

... All parishioners are urged to please make the switch to Automatic Giving or WeShare. These forms of giving offer the most reliable support for your parish, safe from the vagaries of weather, travel, and even pandemic. Learn how to make the switch at <https://stmarysholliston.com> under the "How to Give" tab.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION. Since masking and social distancing are still required in public schools in Massachusetts even after May 29, we are not yet certain what faith formation programs for children will need to look like in the fall. The programs will certainly be allowed and in person, but we do not know yet about masking and distancing requirements. We will keep you advised.

BLESSED MOTHER MARY, PRAY FOR US!





WHY WE CELEBRATE MEMORIAL DAY:

What we remember - and honor - on Memorial Day is heroic sacrifice. We acknowledge those who nobly gave of themselves, even unto death, for a purpose they believed was greater than themselves. Since the days just following the end of the Civil War, Americans have gathered in late May to honor those who died in military service to their country. In the spirit of the day, we can also recall, honor, and pray for all those we know who have lived lives of service and sacrifice for the good of others.

One definition of sacrifice is “the destruction or surrender of something for the sake of something else.” Though suffering is always a part of sacrifice to some extent, seeking suffering for its own sake is not sacrifice. Sacrifice implies giving up one good for a higher good. For example, a child gives up a day of play to visit an ailing grandparent, or a parent sacrifices watching a favorite television program to help a child who is struggling with homework. Life in the family is full of opportunities for service and sacrifice.

What counts in this definition is the phrase “for the sake of something else.” Is that “something else” worthy of the sacrifice we make? True sacrifice is always at the service of life. We learn this from Jesus, who made the ultimate sacrifice and remained faithful through his Passion, death, and Resurrection. Jesus’ greater purpose for this sacrifice was our well-being—that we might have life and have it abundantly.

This Memorial Day, as we remember all who have served and sacrificed on our behalf, let us not forget what Jesus was willing to give up for us—and the lessons we can learn from that perfect example of sacrifice. - Tom McGrath

RACE AMITY: Race Amity is about peace and harmony between peoples of all cultures and races. It recognizes the value of and need for true collaboration to advance and promote access, equity, and social justice for all as our society moves towards the goal of achieving *E Pluribus Unum*, “out of many, one”. **Sunday, June 13, is Race Amity Day in Massachusetts.**

Earlier this year, our parish hosted a *JustFaith* ministry’s small group program entitled *Faith and Racial Equity: Exploring Power and Privilege*. Alumni from this program, and from similar *JustFaith* programs held elsewhere in the MetroWest area, have planned an interfaith prayer vigil to celebrate the day with the wider community, and we warmly invite you to join in this hope-filled occasion.

Our Race Amity Day Prayer Vigil will be held on Natick Common (12 S. Main St., Natick) on Sunday, June 13, from 7 - 8 PM. For more information about the Prayer Vigil, please contact Leo Racine at leoaracine@msn.com or Danielle Heitmann at dnheitmann@gmail.com. To learn more about *JustFaith* Ministries, you can go to <https://justfaith.org/>; you can visit the website of the National Center for Race Amity at <https://raceamity.org/> for more information about Race Amity.



WINGS: WINGS has concluded our successful and inspiring 2020-2021 year via Zoom. You can still access all our 2020-2021 presentations on our web site <https://stmarysholliston.com/women-in-gods-spirit-wi-n-g-s/>. Soon we will begin planning for our offerings this Fall; suggested speakers and topics are always welcome. The WINGS ministry provides an opportunity for women of all ages to grow in faith wherever they are on their spiritual journey. For more information please call Jen Schiller at 617-852-9632 or email stmaryswingssecretary@gmail.com.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: Please join us at 10 AM on Friday, June 4, at the Fatima Shrine Outdoor Chapel, 101 Summer Street in Holliston as the women of the World Day Of Prayer Committee of Vanuatu call us to worship with the words inspired by Matthew 7:24-27, “Build on a strong foundation” found in the last paragraph of Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount. The women of Vanuatu reassure us that God’s creation is built on a strong foundation. Let us walk in faith and prayerful action!



May 27, 2021

Dear Monsignor/Father:

Allow me to ask for your assistance with a matter of the highest priority concerning the protection of unborn children. As Pope Francis has shared with us, every child is “a gift that changes the history of a family...and this child needs to be welcomed, loved and cared for”.

For 45 years, annual passage of the “Hyde Amendment” in federal appropriations bills, by a bipartisan coalition of members of Congress has ensured that federal tax dollars are not spent on abortions. It is estimated that the “Hyde Amendment” has saved more than 2.4 million unborn children since 1976. However, this year, the passage of the “Hyde Amendment” is seriously at risk.

In order that we do all that is possible to protect unborn children, it is critically important for Catholics to send a *strong and united* message on behalf of the children and to do so before Congress moves forward to authorize taxpayer-funded abortion.

Please appeal to the people of your parish to join our Archdiocesan response to the USCCB’s nationwide effort during the month of June, when Congress will begin the legislative process. **Our goal is for millions of Catholics to sign the petition on [NoTaxpayerAbortion.com](https://respectlife.org/no-taxpayer-abortion).** A brief suggested bulletin announcement explaining the campaign can be found below.

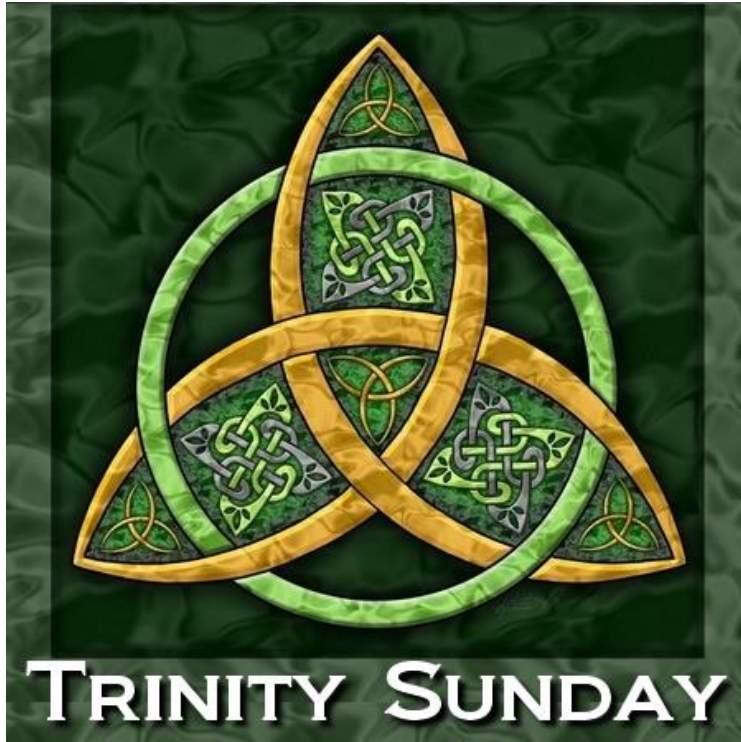
The USCCB has provided additional information and digital messaging tools about the Hyde Amendment, for use in your parishes. These can be found at: respectlife.org/no-taxpayer-abortion. Your outreach to parishioners concerning the Hyde Amendment signature campaign would also be an opportune time to share information about the services offered by our Archdiocesan Pro Life Office through the [Pregnancy Help](#) and [Project Rachel](#) ministries.

With appreciation for your continued support for our efforts to build a culture of life, I remain,

Devotedly yours in Christ,


Archbishop of Boston

SUGGESTED BULLETIN NOTICE: Please consider including this announcement in your parish bulletin and other communications: **Stop your federal tax dollars from going to abortion. [NoTaxpayerAbortion.com](https://respectlife.org/no-taxpayer-abortion)**



WORSHIPING VIRTUALLY WITH ST. MARY'S

PREPARING A PLACE TO PRAY: Pick a place where you will be as free from as many distractions as you can. A TV or Radio in the background will never let you listen to the service, or God. So do your best to arrange a spot and be sure to shut off your cellphone entirely.

Set your laptop, iPad or phone into a good position on a table.

Clear everything else off.

If you have a candle, put that near you.

An Icon, Cross, or Statue of Mary is great, too.

Print out and have handy the Mass Readings:
<https://bible.usccb.org/>.

When ready, have your family pray together the following prayer of preparation:

Throughout time, Almighty God has moved people to set apart places to pray, to worship, and to meet with God. Almighty God, we thank you for making us in Your image, for making Your presence known, and for calling us to know You. We set apart this time and this place for Your worship. Sanctify it all, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. May all we do here be to Your glory. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen. At this time, light your candle.

COMMUNION TIME: Make an Act of Spiritual Communion at Communion time. See Prayer Below.

SUNDAY MASS: 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: 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 early, you may need to hit "refresh." Welcome!

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION ~

My Jesus, I believe that You are present
in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there,
and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

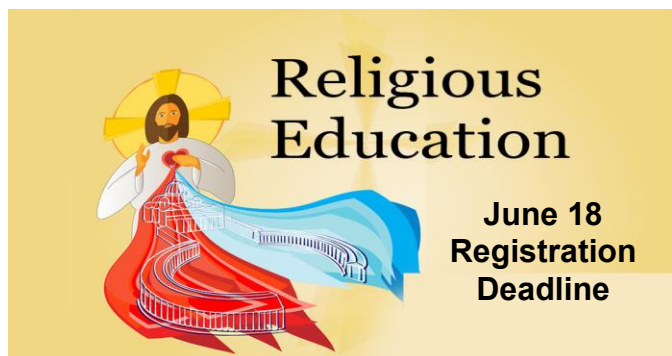
Amen.

The Parish Center reopens this weekend. Please sanitize hands immediately upon entering and observe masking protocols based on vaccination status. Thank you!

VIRTUAL CLOW: The Children's Liturgy of the Word has ended for this year. If you would like, the children can go back and review this year's prerecorded weekly lessons. Click on the following link and then once on the web page, click on prerecorded lessons.

<https://stmarysholliston.com/st-marys-childrens-liturgy-of-the-word/>.

SEEKING A CLOW COORDINATOR: Our CLOW Coordinator, Pat Campo-LeBlanc will be stepping down at the end of our CLOW season. Pat has worked so hard over the past few years with the leaders to provide the young children the opportunity to understand how we are all dependent on God and His love. If you have an interest in taking on this position please contact Pat at: olordyimforty@aol.com for more information.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATIONS FOR 2021-2022: Registrations for the 2021-2022 school year are due by Friday, June 18, 2021. The registrations can be accessed through St. Mary's website at www.stmarysholliston.com under Register / Parish Forms. Our program is planning on in-person classes in late September and early October unless otherwise specified by the Archdiocese of Boston for the safety and well-being of the children, staff and volunteers. We will have a better understanding of the status of the pandemic by August.

R.E. TEACHERS NEEDED FOR 2021-2022: Please prayerfully consider teaching a class or volunteering as a Monitor. Teachers will be needed for Grades K through 10. Just contact us at 508-429-6076 or by email at st.marysre1870@gmail.com. A Volunteer Form will be sent to you by email. God bless you for helping us share the precious gift of faith with the children and youth!

Teachers Needed!



Climb aboard for mountains of fun at Rocky Railway! On this faith-filled adventure, kids discover that trusting Jesus pulls them through life's ups and downs.

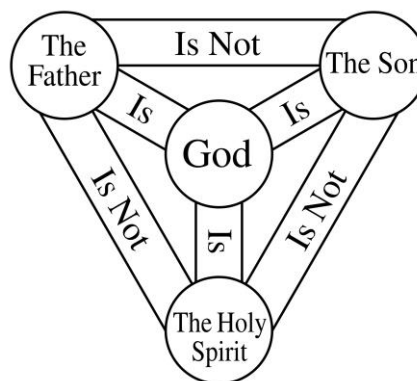
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ~ 2021:

St. Mary's VBS Team is working hard on planning a safe and fun outdoor summer program for VBS. So save the date for Monday, July 19 – Thursday, July 22 (with Friday, July 23 as a rain date). Registration opened on May 15, with a limit of 50 children to St. Mary's registered families on a "first come, first serve" basis. We will have a waitlist available for families. Watch your mail for registration forms and information!

FIRST COMMUNION: The dates for First Holy Communion Masses have been set for Saturday, June 12, at 10:30 AM and 1:30 PM and Saturday, June 19, at 10:30 AM and 1:30 PM. Please direct any questions to Fran at st.marysre1870@gmail.com or to our GR-2 Coordinator, Derri Cole at: colederr@hotmail.com.

HELP! GRADE COORDINATORS NEEDED FOR GRADES 1 AND 5: Our program needs people of good faith to volunteer to Coordinate Grade 1 and another volunteer to Coordinate Grade 5 for the upcoming school year in our program. Training will be provided by the DRE. Contact Fran if you can take one of these roles as a coordinator at 508-429-6076 or st.marysre1870@gmail.com.

Please note that R.E. Coordinators are responsible for guiding and assisting both teachers and students in growing in their relationship with Christ and His Church. Since this is done best by example, all parish coordinators are required to be regularly practicing members of the St. Mary's Worshipping Community.



GUARDIAN OF THE REDEEMER



Continued from last week: Pope John Paul II's (JP II) Apostolic Exhortation "Guardian of the Redeemer", the person and Mission of Saint Joseph in the Life of Christ.

Patron of the Church in Our Day: Pope Leo XIII had already exhorted the Catholic world to pray for the Protection of St. Joseph, Patron of the whole church. The Encyclical Epistle, *Quamquam Pluries* appealed to St. Joseph's "fatherly love...for the child Jesus" and commended to him as "the provident guardian of the divine Family," "the beloved inheritance which Jesus Christ purchased by His Blood." Since that time—as I recalled at the beginning of his Exhortation—the Church has implored the protection of St. Joseph on the basis of "that sacred bond of charity which united him to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God," and the Church has commended to Joseph all Her cares, including those dangers which threaten the human family.

Even today we have many reasons to pray in a similar way: "Most beloved father, dispel the evil of falsehood and sin...graciously assist us from heaven in our struggle with the powers of darkness...and just as once you saved the Child Jesus from mortal danger, so now defend God's holy Church from the snares of Her enemies and from all adversity." Today we have good reason to commend everyone to St. Joseph.

The Second Vatican Council made all of us sensitive once again to the "great things which God has done," and to that "economy of salvation" of which St. Joseph was a special minister. Commending ourselves, then, to the protection of him to whose custody God "entrusted the greatest and most precious treasures," . . . This just man who bore within himself the entire heritage of the Old Covenant, was also brought into the "beginning" of the New and Eternal Covenant in Jesus Christ. May St. Joseph obtain for the Church and for the world, as well as for each of us the blessings of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.

IMPORTANT CORI AND PGC INFORMATION ~

FY2021 CORI VOLUNTEER RENEWAL ALERT:

Ministry Leaders must make sure that **all** their active volunteers (18 years and older) renew and complete a **FY 2021 CORI**. If you are planning to volunteer in any ministry, you must complete a **2021 CORI** form. You can scan in your license and completed 2021 CORI form and send it to st.marysre1870@gmail.com. Please call the Religious Education Office at 508-429-6076 if you need a **2021 CORI** Form. Everyone must fill in all sections of the CORI form marked with an asterisk where it pertains to important information. Incomplete CORI forms may result in processing delays for volunteers who serve in various ministries at St. Mary's.

NOTICE: Due to the current restrictions and health concerns presented by the pandemic, the office of Risk Management at the Archdiocese has made the following **temporary adjustment** to their adult child protection training requirements. All employees and all volunteers who may have contact with children are required to complete Protecting God's Children training. However, due to our current inability to gather together for live trainings, volunteers can currently meet this requirement through participation in two online trainings: VIRTUS online PGC training and Massachusetts online Mandated Reporter training.

To complete the online PGC training, volunteers should go to www.virtusonline.org.

Click on "First time registrant."

On the next page click on "Begin the registration process."

Select "Boston" from the drop down list of dioceses
And complete the registration process.

Once the registration is complete you will be directed to an online PGC training through VIRTUS. Upon completion of that training, individuals will be directed to a link to an additional online training on mandated reporting in Massachusetts. Both online trainings must be completed to be in compliance with child protection requirements.

The mandated reporter training can be found at: <http://51a.middlesexac.org/>. Copies of the mandated reported certificates should **be** sent to Michelle Gee at MGee@rcab.org. It is not necessary to submit a copy of the PGC certificate. Anyone with questions can contact Vivian Soper at VSoper@rcab.org or at **617-746-5995**. While staff are working from home, email and phone messages are checked at least hourly during normal work hours.