

# St. Mary's Parish

## 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 Choir Mass

Holy Days: Announced

## Adoration Schedule:

First Fridays from 9:30 -  
10:30 AM and as announced.

## Our Mission:

*"To know Christ and to make Him known."*

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Rectory Phone: (508) 429 - 4427

Religious Education Phone: (508) 429 - 6076

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 register through our website or by calling the rectory. 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 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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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!



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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

Today we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, a Feast established by St. John Paul II in 2000. The history of this devotion traces back to the 1930's and the humble Polish visionary, St. Faustina Kowalska. Through her, Jesus revealed His desire for the world to know the "fathomless ocean" of His mercy, symbolized by the white and red rays flowing from His Heart - Water to purify us and Blood to give us life.

In our Gospel today, we find the disciples huddled in fear behind locked doors. Just as the doors of the Upper Room could not keep the Risen Christ out, no barrier of guilt, shame, or past failure can block the entry of His mercy into our souls.

Jesus appears and breathes on them, saying, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them." Here we see a profound biblical foundation for the Sacrament of Confession. This Sacrament is the "Tribunal of Mercy," where we do not meet a judge who condemns, but a Savior who restores.

Like the Apostle Thomas, we are invited to touch the wounds of Christ - not to satisfy a cynical curiosity, but to find healing for our own brokenness within His glorified scars.

The message of Divine Mercy is sometimes expressed as a spiritual A.B.C.:

- Ask for His Mercy.
- Be Merciful to others.
- Completely trust in Jesus.

In our spiritual lives, mercy is not a passive feeling but a transformative power. When we pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet, or gaze in faith upon the Image, we make an act of total surrender. We move from a life of self-reliance to a life anchored in the promise: "Jesus, I trust in You." This trust allows us to face the trials of the world with an interior peace that the world cannot give.

As we celebrate this feast, let us remember that mercy is a two-way street. We receive it so that we may become "vessels of mercy" for a parched world. As St. Augustine beautifully wrote: "In my deepest wound I saw your glory, and it dazzled me."

Today may you dive deeply into the ocean of God's mercy. May your "locked doors" be opened by the breath of the Holy Spirit. And may others begin to believe in the mercy of God by seeing your own witness of patience, forgiveness, and extraordinary love.

In Christ's Service and Yours,

Rev. Mark J. Coiro



## DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET TODAY

After Mass today, the Knights of Columbus will be leading a Divine Mercy prayer service. The service will consist solely of the praying of the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Everyone at Mass is invited to stay for an extra ten minutes to participate in this beautiful prayer. The chaplet is very easy to learn; and will be provided to follow along. Those who wish to stay are invited to please gather in the center-front pews. Further information about the many great graces available to us on Divine Mercy Sunday can be found at <https://www.thedivinemercy.org/>.



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On Monday, April 13, an upgraded version of St. Mary’s Parish Website <https://stmarysholliston.com/> will go live. It will offer easier navigation, updated information, and be more user friendly on phones and other mobile devices.

On that same day, St. Mary’s Emails will all switch from @gmail.com to our own domain, @stmarysholliston.org. This will make for easier identification of our emails as NOT spam for filters. Most importantly, it will allow you to spot scammers more easily. Many parishioners receive fake emails purporting to be from us, usually asking for the purchase of gift cards, and the sending of gift card numbers for “charitable” purposes. After April 13, make sure emails say @stmarysholliston.org and you’ll know they are legitimate. **Please send only to the new emails as of tomorrow.**

**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
- Mrs. Lisa Dufault, HS Youth Minister
- Ms. Abigail Kelley-Lanser, Director of Music
- Mrs. Mary Beth Harris, Parish Secretary
- Mrs. Jennifer Burgett, Religious Education Secretary
- Ms. Mary Sanning, Business Manager
- Mrs. Najat Whalen, Sacristan
- Mr. Billy Hanson, Parish Facilities
- R & R Landscaping, Cemetery Care

**2026 CATHOLIC APPEAL UPDATE:**

**Dollar Goal:** 100%  
**Donor Goal:** 80%



Thank you to all who have already made their Appeal Gift. We have made our parish’s assigned goal, in part due to a \$25,000 gift from a single family. We are very grateful to them and to all who have done what they could.

**The challenge now is that 20% of those who donated last year have not done so yet, and many more families still have never donated.**



**FY26 CORIs NOW DUE:** It is that time of year again! CORIs must be renewed each year for all St. Mary's volunteers, along with reviewing the RCAB Code of Conduct. If you have not already completed your FY26 CORI, you can complete these forms in the Religious Ed office. We will also be hosting a CORI table after all Masses the weekend of April 18 and 19. Thank you!

No one is asked to do more than they can, but all are asked to do something - according to their means - to support the good works of our Catholic Church.

Printed Appeal materials are available outside the Religious Education Office. Please use them, or visit: <https://bostoncatholicappeal.org/>. Thank you!

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>April 11</b>
5:00	Jean Rousseau, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Anv.
7:30	Antoinetta Calabrese
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 12</b>
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Stephen and Susan Warren
11:30	Stephen Parker
<b>Monday</b>	<b>April 13</b>
9:00	Eleanor Johnson Charlson
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>April 14</b>
9:00	Amy Tibbert
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>April 15</b>
9:00	Holy Souls in Purgatory
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>April 16</b>
9:00	Special Intention
<b>Friday</b>	<b>April 17</b>
9:00	Costantina DiCenso
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>April 18</b>
5:00	Paul T. Shea
7:30	The Departed Members of the LaRoche and D'Aloia Families
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 19</b>
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	John Riordan
11:30	Ambrosio Bolandrina

**EASTER SUNDAY COLLECTION  
FOR RETIRED PRIESTS:** \$ 17,766.00

**GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION FOR THE  
CHURCH IN THE HOLY LAND:** \$2,972.00

**HOLY THURSDAY COLLECTION FOR THE  
HOLLISTON PANTRY SHELF:** \$1,560.00

Thank you to all who contributed to these worthy causes during the Sacred Triduum this year. May the blessings promised to the compassionate be yours in abundance!

**HOLLISTON PANTRY SHELF:** Food items needed at the Pantry: white vinegar (16 oz), juice boxes (apple, orange, fruit punch), canned regular coffee (11 oz), canned decaf coffee (11 oz), Chips Ahoy Cookies, Ritz crackers (13.7 oz Box), and canned beets (16 oz). Donations may be dropped off in the tan bin by the main parking lot doors right here at St. Mary's, or to the bins outside 73 Charles Street.

**UPSTAIRS KIDS HOMILY TODAY:** With Easter celebrated on the First Sunday of April, our monthly Interactive Children's Homily at our 9:30 AM Mass is today, Sunday, April 12!

**D. J. & C.:** The Welcoming Committee and Parish Council invite all families to stop into Fr. Haley Hall after the 9:30 AM Upstairs CLOW Mass TODAY Sunday, April 12, for free donuts, juice and coffee!



**TODAY ~ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 18<sup>th</sup>  
ANNUAL CHARITY RAFFLE:** Knights will be selling tickets at St. Mary's after all Masses this weekend, April 11 and 12. The proceeds from this raffle go to local charities such as the Holliston [Senior] Center, O'Connell House, Homes for our Troops, and the Doug Flutie Foundation for Autism. One ticket is \$5 and a book of five for \$20. First prize is \$1,000. The raffle drawing will take place at the K of C Golf tournament on June 26. Knights will sell tickets in Downtown Holliston on April 11; at Shaw's in Medway on May 22 and 23; at Roche Bros. in Millis on May 15 and 16; and at Shaw's in Ashland on June 6 and 7. The direct contact to purchase raffle tickets is [stmaryshollistonkofc@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryshollistonkofc@gmail.com).

**THE ROSE FOR LIFE:** The Rose this week is sponsored by the Carver Family. Please join them in prayer for an unborn child. Please call Mary Beth at 508-429-4427 to become part of this beautiful affirmation of life.

**WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS:** Saint Faustina Kowalska (Diary, Divine Mercy in My Soul)

*"Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is greater than your sins and those of the entire world. Who can measure the extent of My goodness? For you I descended from heaven to earth; for you I allowed Myself to be nailed to the cross; for you I let My Sacred Heart be pierced with a lance, thus opening wide the source of mercy for you. Come, then, with trust to draw graces from this fountain."*

# "URBI ET ORBI" MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE LEO XIV EASTER 2026

Central Loggia of St Peter's Basilica  
Sunday, 5 April 2026

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Brothers and Sisters,

Christ is risen! Happy Easter!

For centuries, the Church has joyfully sung of the event that is the origin and foundation of her faith: "Yes, Christ my hope is arisen / Christ indeed from death is risen / Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning" (Easter Sequence).

Easter is the victory of life over death, of light over darkness, of love over hatred. It is a victory that came at a very high price: Christ, the Son of the living God (cf. Mt 16:16), had to die - and die on a cross - after suffering an unjust condemnation, being mocked and tortured, and shedding all his blood. As the true immolated Lamb, he took upon himself the sin of the world (cf. Jn 1:29; 1 Pet 1:18-19) and thus freed us all - and with us, all creation - from the dominion of evil.

But how was Jesus able to be victorious? What is the strength with which he defeated once and for all the ancient adversary, the prince of this world (cf. Jn 12:31)? What is the power with which he rose from the dead, not returning to his former life, but entering into eternal life and thus opening in his own flesh the passage from this world to the Father?

This strength, this power, is God himself for he is Love who creates and generates, Love who is faithful to the end and Love who forgives and redeems.

Christ, our "victorious King," fought and won his battle through trusting abandonment to the Father's will, to his plan of salvation (cf. Mt 26:42). Thus he walked the path of dialogue to the very end, not in words but in deeds: to find us who were lost, he became flesh; to free us who were slaves, he became a slave; to give life to us mortals, he allowed himself to be killed on the cross.



The power with which Christ rose is entirely nonviolent. It is like that of a grain of wheat which, having rotted in the earth, grows, breaks through the clods, sprouts, and becomes a golden ear of wheat. It is even more like that of a human heart which, wounded by an offense, rejects the instinct for revenge and, filled with compassion, prays for the one who has committed the offense.

Brothers and sisters, this is the true strength that brings peace to humanity, because it fosters respectful relationships at every level: among individuals, families, social groups, and nations. It does not seek private interests, but the common good; it does not seek to impose its own plan, but to help design and carry out a plan together with others.

Yes, Christ's resurrection is the beginning of a new humanity; it is the entrance into the true promised land, where justice, freedom, and peace reign, where all recognize one another as brothers and sisters, children of the same Father who is Love, Life, and Light.

Brothers and sisters, through his resurrection, the Lord confronts us even more powerfully with the dramatic reality of our freedom. Before the empty tomb, we can be filled with hope and wonder, like the disciples, or with fear like the guards and the Pharisees, forced to resort to lies and subterfuge rather than acknowledge that the one who had been condemned is truly risen (cf. Mt 28:11-15)!

In the light of Easter, let us allow ourselves to be amazed by Christ! Let us allow our hearts to be transformed by his immense love for us! Let those who have weapons lay them down! Let those who have the power to unleash

wars choose peace! Not a peace imposed by force, but through dialogue! Not with the desire to dominate others, but to encounter them!

We are growing accustomed to violence, resigning ourselves to it, and becoming indifferent. Indifferent to the deaths of thousands of people. Indifferent to the repercussions of hatred and division that conflicts sow. Indifferent to the economic and social consequences they produce, which we all feel. There is an ever-increasing “globalization of indifference,” to borrow an expression dear to Pope Francis, who one year ago from this loggia addressed his final words to the world, reminding us: “What a great thirst for death, for killing, we witness each day in the many conflicts raging in different parts of the world!” (Urbi et Orbi Message, 20 April 2025).

The cross of Christ always reminds us of the suffering and pain that surround death and the agony it entails. We are all afraid of death, and out of fear we turn away, preferring not to look. We cannot continue to be indifferent! And we cannot resign ourselves to evil! Saint Augustine teaches: “If you fear death, love the resurrection!” (Sermon 124, 4). Let us too love the resurrection, which reminds us that evil is not the last word, because it has been defeated by the Risen One.

He passed through death to give us life and peace: “I leave you peace; I give you my peace. Not as the world gives it, I give it to you” (Jn 14:27). The peace that Jesus gives us is not merely the silence of weapons, but the peace that touches and transforms the heart of each one of us! Let us allow ourselves to be transformed by the peace of Christ! Let us make heard the cry for peace that springs from our hearts! For this reason, I invite everyone to join me in a prayer vigil for peace that we will celebrate here in Saint Peter’s Basilica next Saturday, April 11.

On this day of celebration, let us abandon every desire for conflict, domination, and power, and implore the Lord to grant his peace to a world ravaged by wars and marked by a hatred and indifference that make us feel powerless in the face of evil. To the Lord we entrust all hearts that suffer and await the true peace that only he can give. Let us entrust ourselves to him and open our hearts to him! He is the only one who makes all things new (cf. Rev 21:5).

Happy Easter!

*Leo P.P. XIV*

## FOR CELEBRATION

**CONGRATULATIONS TO SENIOR DEACON MARTIN BREINLINGER ON HIS 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION!** Deacon Marty was part of the Class of 1976 - the very first group of men ordained as Permanent Deacons in the Archdiocese of Boston. He has blessed our parish in countless ways during those years - preaching, celebrating Baptisms and Weddings, heading ministries, and being a friend to all. (His wife Mary Alice Breinlinger headed the Office of Family Life for the Archdiocese).



Deacon Marty’s 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated on Sunday, April 26 at 11:30 AM, followed by a reception in Fr. Haley Hall. To allow us to plan accurately for food, please use the SignUpGenius Link below to RSVP your attendance. A table for cards will be provided at the reception. Anyone wishing to give a gift is asked to make a donation to the Holliston Pantry Shelf in Deacon Marty’s name. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094DA5AB29A3FC1-63162865-reception>. Save the date and come celebrate with us!

## FOR FAMILIES



**MARRIAGE FELLOWSHIP:** The St. Mary’s Marriage Fellowship will meet this Thursday, April 16 from 6:30 - 8 PM in Sr. Ricci House to discuss a topic related to marriage. All engaged and married couples are welcome to attend. Childcare is provided.

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP:** A seven week, faith-based bereavement support group will begin on Thursday, April 23 at 1:30 PM at St. Jude’s Church in Norfolk. This peer support group is open to anyone who has experienced a recent loss. There is no charge for this group, however registration is required. To register or for information, contact Nan Rafter at 774-571-0092.

## FOR WOMEN

**ST. MARY'S MOM'S PRAYER GROUP:** Please join us this Tuesday, April 14 from 9:45 - 11 AM, in Fr. Haley Hall as we pray together, read reflections by the liturgical season, and share prayer intentions. Children of all ages are welcome with toys and coloring activities available. For information, please contact Lauren Onak at 954-803-9942.

**WINGS (Women in God's Spirit):** WINGS is pleased to present our 2026 Spring Season "One Body - Living Faith in a Fragmented World." The Spring Season will begin this Wednesday, April 15 at 10 AM in Father Haley Hall and through Zoom. We are excited to have Robert LeBlanc speak on "Diversity of Parts: Discovering Your Charisms." Robert is married to WINGS Core Team Member Pat Campo-LeBlanc. He has a deep love of scripture and has assisted many people by being the hands and feet of Christ through his many acts of loving service. WINGS requests dues of \$20 per season (unless you have already paid for the WINGS year); however, all women are most welcome regardless of ability to pay. Checks payable to St. Mary's Parish can be mailed to St. Mary's Parish, 8 Church St., Holliston, MA, 01746 or pay at the door. Babysitting is available; please register in advance. Email [stmaryswingssecretary@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryswingssecretary@gmail.com) to register or call Jen at 617-852-9632 or Diane at 508-259-7795.

## FOR MEN

### Cor ~ ST. MARY'S FAITH ENRICHMENT

**PROGRAM FOR MEN:** Please join us for our next Cor meeting on Thursday, April 23. We will meet as usual in Fr. Haley Hall at 7:00 PM.

Now that we are in the Easter season, it's a great time to really think about what it means that having conquered death, Jesus is alive and with us each and every day. We are especially fortunate to have the opportunity to encounter the living Jesus in the Eucharist. Sadly, it is very easy for us to take the Eucharist for granted; not fully appreciating what Jesus is ready to give us if only we are ready to accept it. At our meeting on April 23, we will discuss the Eucharist and why it is such an unbelievable gift.

All men of St. Mary's parish age 18 and older are welcome to join us for faith enrichment, scripture, catechesis, prayer and brotherhood. For more information, contact [StMarysCor@gmail.com](mailto:StMarysCor@gmail.com).

## FOR OUR YOUTH



**MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP!** Our next Meeting is TONIGHT - Sunday, April 12 from 6:30 - 8 PM. Maine Rafting roommate Sign-Ups will be held, as well as Sign-Ups for the April 21 annual Spring Paintball Trip (vacation week), and the May 8 Nursing Home BINGO for our 8<sup>th</sup> Graders.

### HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP ~ TGIF (Teens Gather In Faith):

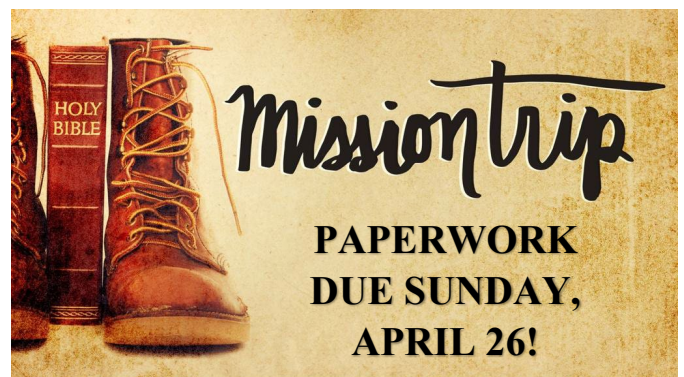
Our next TGIF Meeting is TWO WEEKS AWAY, CHIPOTLE NIGHT, (NOTE DUES WILL BE \$10 FOR THIS MEETING), Sunday, April 26, from 7 - 8:45 PM in Fr. Haley Hall (bring a friend)! TGIF is open to ALL TEENS in Grades 9 - 12. For more information, contact Lisa Dufault at [tgif@stmarysholliston.org](mailto:tgif@stmarysholliston.org).



We invite TGIF Teens, their families and St. Mary's Parishioners to follow TGIF on Instagram.

### Mission Trip Paperwork Reminder:

All attendees should complete their Mission Trip Paperwork Packets, due by the April 26 TGIF meeting. Please also fill out the R & R Google Form as soon as possible. The link was emailed out April 1 and you can also view today's online bulletin at [www.stmarysholliston.com](http://www.stmarysholliston.com) for the link [Mission Trip R & R Form](#).



**CLOW ~ CHILDREN K-6 ~ CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:** Today, April 12, the children will remain in the church to listen and learn what Jesus teaches us in the Gospel message.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES:**

DAY	GRADE	GRADE
Sun., April 12	CGS-A at 8:00 AM	GR-2 at 8:10 AM
	GR-2 at 10:45 AM	GR-3 at 7:55 AM
	GR-3 at 10:45 AM	
Mon., April 13	GR-8 at 7:00 PM	
Tues., April 14	GR-4 at 4:00 PM	GR-5 at 4:00 PM
	GR-6 at 4:00 PM	GR-7 at 7:00 PM
Wed., April 15	GR-2 at 4:15 PM	GR-4 at 4:00 PM
	GR-7 at 7:00 PM	
Thur., April 16	GR-8 at 7:00 PM	
Sun., April 19	NO CLASSES	
Mon., April 20	NO CLASSES	

**APRIL VACATION ~ NO CLASSES:** Sunday, April 19 to Friday, April 24. The Religious Education Office will be closed Monday, April 20.

**FOR ALL RELIGIOUS ED FAMILIES! VIRTUS EMPOWERING GOD'S CHILDREN (EGC) SAFETY PROGRAM:** The month of January began our Safety Sessions. Every year the Archdiocese of Boston requires Religious Education Programs to offer safety classes to children and youth. Parents can view the program at: [www.VIRTUSonline.org](http://www.VIRTUSonline.org). Enter the **User Name:** Parent\_Boston and the **Password:** EGCBoston1. When you are in the landing page click on **Education** at the top. *Please take the time to view the lesson plans for your child's grade, before the scheduled safety classes in April 2026.*

**EMPOWERING GOD'S CHILDREN SAFETY SESSIONS FOR GRADES 1, 4, and 5:** Any family wishing to Opt-Out their child must complete and submit an Opt-Out form to the Religious Education Office.

- Grade 1 - Sunday, April 26
- Grade 4 - Tuesday, April 28 / Wed., April 29
- Grade 5 - Tuesday, April 14



**GRADES 3 AND 5 CLASS SESSION ON OUR BLESSED MOTHER ~ MONDAY, APRIL 27 AT 4:00 PM:** Grade 3 and 5 students will come to Fr. Haley Hall to learn about our Lady of Fatima, Our Lady of Lourdes, and Our Lady of Guadalupe and pray the Rosary together.

**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN! VBS RAINFOREST FALLS 2026 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS JULY 20 - 24!**

Have you ever journeyed deep into the heart of the rainforest? Make plans now to discover the true nature of God! Get your hiking boots and be ready to step through the misty air overflowing with wild water falls, large towering trees, and most of all, many colorful creatures God has made. Chattering birds and howling monkey sounds fill the forest. Explore what it will mean to be rooted in a relationship with God, their Creator, Who is our refuge in life's storms.

**WHO:** Children entering Kindergarten through Grade 6. Teens entering Grade 7 and up and Adults are needed as volunteers.

**WHEN:** July 20 - 24, 2026, 9 AM to 12:00 Noon.

**COST:** \$75/child, \$200/family max. Tuition assistance available if needed.

**REGISTRATION:** Open now through June 1, but our max is 100 campers. Use QR Code or click:

<https://forms.gle/DfxUbFgn41QtqM7V7>



**CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD GROUP B MEETING ON SUNDAY, MARCH 29:**

Palm Sunday offered an excellent time to introduce the work about the Last Supper. It's called the Cenacle, another name for the Upper Room, where Jesus and His Apostles ate their Passover meal. Some children were wondering about how Jesus can be both God and a shepherd. We decided someone could be two things at once, especially Jesus. We also learned a little bit about Palm Sunday, connecting Jesus' entry into Jerusalem with work we have done with the Raised Surface Map as well as the Cenacle. We sang a "Hosanna" song.



**THANK YOU!** To all the children who took roles in the Stations of the Cross and the teens and adults who volunteered to make this solemn event very special on Good Friday.