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St. Mary's Parish



Our Mission:

"To know Christ and to make Him known."

Mass Schedule:

Monday through Saturday
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

8 Church St., Holliston, MA 01746

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Religious Education Phone: (508) 429 - 6076

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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 – 12:45 PM in the church or anytime 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 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.

PARISH STAFF:

Rev. Mark J. Coiro, Pastor
 Rev. Jim Flynn, Weekend Assistance
 The Xaverian Fathers, Weekend Assistance
 Deacon John D. Barry, Permanent Deacon
 Deacon Martin Breinlinger, Senior Deacon
 Mr. Steven Booth, Seminarian
 Mrs. Fran Crespi, D.R.E., Grades K-7
 Mr. Jake Thiringer, D.R.E., Grades 8-12
 Mr. Kevin Lyczak, Parish Music Director
 Mr. Leo Racine, Director of Contemporary Music
 Mrs. Mary Beth Harris, Parish Secretary
 Mrs. Paula O'Brien, Religious Education Secretary
 Ms. Mary Sanning, Business Manager
 Mrs. Najat Whalen, Sacristan
 Mr. Billy Hanson, Parish Facilities
 R & R Landscaping, Cemetery Care

PRAYERS AND MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday September 29
 5:00 John Francis Regis Gray, 4th Anv.
 7:30 Walter Baker
Sunday September 30
 7:30 People of St. Mary's
 9:30 Dante, Carmela & Crescenzo Camuso
 11:30 Richard Lanoue
Monday October 1 ~ Feast of St. Thérèse
 9:00 Tim O'Connell
Tuesday October 2
 9:00 Eugenia Moraski, 15th Anv.
 11:00 Funeral ~ Jack Evans
Wednesday October 3
 9:00 Walter "D" Robbins
Thursday October 4
 9:00 Melissa Bachman, Month's Mind
Friday October 5
 9:00 Franco DiCenso
Saturday October 6
 9:00 Jarlath Whalen, Month's Mind
 5:00 Nicholas Rossini
 7:30 Francis Gaboriault, 25th Anv.
Sunday October 7
 7:30 Len Levasseur, 6th Anv.
 9:30 Paul and Emma Jensen
 11:30 People of St. Mary's

MUSIC	5:00 PM	9:30 AM	11:30 AM
Entrance	#454	#463	#463
Offertory	#620	-	-
Communion	#593	#593	#593
Recessional	#386	#397	#397

ST. MARY'S CHOIRS NEED YOU: Do you like to sing? Join St. Mary's Music Ministry! We are now recruiting choristers of all ages! Our Children's Choir welcomes children grades 4-7; our Youth Choir, grades 7-12, and our Adult Choir welcomes youth and adults of any age. For more information, contact Kevin Lyczak, Director of Music: 508-879-2322 ext. 24 or by email musicatstmarysholliston@gmail.com.

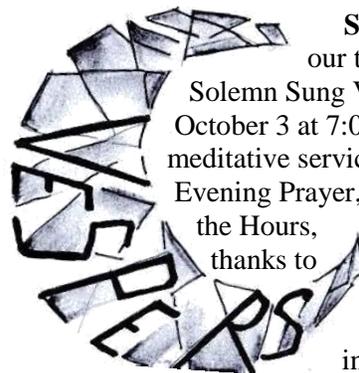
FOLK GROUP: The St. Mary's Folk Group, which leads the assembly's singing with contemporary liturgical music at the 5:00 PM Mass on Saturdays, welcomes new singers and instrumentalists. The group rehearses on Wednesday evenings from 7:45 to 9:00 PM in the Center Library. Please call Leo Racine at 429-7476 if you have any questions or if you wish to join.

THE ROSE FOR LIFE: Is sponsored this week by the Stevens Family. Please join them in prayer for an unborn child.

LAST SUNDAY'S PARISH OFFERTORY:

Mass Collections: \$ 10,154.00
 Automatic Giving: \$ 2,296.50
 Total Offertory: \$ 12,450.50

St. Mary's thanks all those who support their parish so faithfully each week. Please be sure to make up parish support for weekends you are away. Thank you!



SUNG VESPERS: Join our talented Youth Choir for Solemn Sung Vespers this Wednesday, October 3 at 7:00 PM. This 30 minute meditative service, which is also known as Evening Prayer, is part of the Liturgy of the Hours, and it aims to give thanks to God before the end of the day through the singing of psalms, intercessions, and prayers. Come experience the beauty of sung prayer!

NEXT SUNDAY, UPSTAIRS C.L.O.W. & DONUTS, JUICE AND COFFEE: The Welcoming Committee invites all parishioners and their families to stop into Fr. Haley Hall after the 9:30 AM Mass next Sunday, October 7, for donuts, juice and coffee! Members of the Parish Council will be there if you have any comments or ideas regarding the Parish that you would like to share.

NEWSLETTER COLLATING: Please join us on Friday, October 5 from 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM in Father Haley Hall to assist in our collating of the October Newsletter. All are welcome and needed!



Saint Mary's Parish

8 Church St. ~ Holliston, MA ~ 01746 ~ (508) 429-4427

September 30, 2018
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

This past week Jack Evans, one of St. Mary's most faithful sons, went home to God. Jack was an inspiration to us all – having endured many physical challenges and yet never faltering in his love of God and neighbor. The 5 PM Mass will not be the same without his presence in the Folk Group, nor will the 9 AM Daily Mass Family of which he was a part. I firmly believe that the more we suffer in our earthly journey, the greater our joy when we enter eternal life with God. May He welcome and hold Jack safe for us, until our own travelling days are done. *[Last December, Jack was featured in a St. Mary's Newsletter article, reprinted on the last two pages of this weekend's bulletin].*

Today's Scriptures invite us to soften our hearts by mercy and sacrificial love. Like Christ, we are to look for the best in others and call it forth by prayer and holy affirmation. This is what Moses did, when he told the elders of Israel that they must welcome the prophesying of Eldad and Medad, despite the fact that those men were not among the chosen seventy. Similarly, in today's Gospel, Jesus tells the disciples that they must welcome the ministry of others who accomplish good in His holy name – even if they are not part of their company. These scriptures are powerful reminders that holiness is about accepting, welcoming and including others.

Just recently, on September 25, we celebrated the Feast of St. Matthew, a despised tax collector – a traitor to his people who extorted money for their Roman overlords and his own personal gain. Who would have thought that this man had the potential to become a faithful disciple of Jesus, indeed an author of one of the four Gospels? Jesus thought it. And by welcoming and receiving this disreputable character with kindness, Our Lord changed his life forever. Just as the Gospel Matthew would pen continues to change lives today.

God bless you.

Rev. Mark J. Coiro
Pastor



TONIGHT ~ ST. MARY'S MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH

GROUP KICK OFF: Sunday, September 30: Giant MSYG Kick Off Event, 6:30 – 8 PM, open to all 6th, 7th & 8th Graders. Sign-ups for the Jan. 4 Celtics Game, 6th & 7th Grade Haunted Mansion Trip and the 8th Grade Haunted Hayride Trip. Enjoy a Giant Slideshow of all this past summer's MSYG events, and join us for our 12th year of Faith, Friendship, Service & Fun!
See enclosed flyer for pics of some of last year's MSYG events!

EPIC KICKOFF MEETING – OCTOBER 14: Join EPIC, St. Mary's High School Youth Ministry on October 14 from 7:30 – 8:45 PM in Father Haley Hall for the first official EPIC meeting of the year! Come for a great time of faith, friends, and fun and to learn about the cool social and service events EPIC will be doing this fall. Open to anyone in High School and any adults who want to help out. Contact Jake Thiringer at stmarysym1870@gmail.com if you have any questions. Bring \$5 dues to help pay for snacks and offset the cost of future trips.

A FEW OF OUR FAVORITE MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP EVENTS FROM THIS PAST YEAR!



Annual Luau Dance



8th Grade Kennebec Whitewater Rafting



Snow Tubing



Sandwich Making for the Homeless



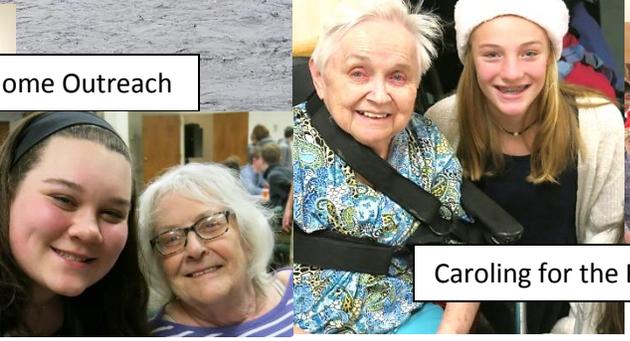
Paintball Battles



Deerfield 6th + 7th Grade Rafting



Nursing Home Outreach



Caroling for the Elderly



ANNUAL TRAINING FOR NEW ALTAR SERVERS



St. Mary's youths between 4th – 12th Grades are needed to serve at the Lord's altar at Holy Mass. Altar Servers prepare the sanctuary for Mass and assist during the celebration of Mass. They also occasionally serve at Weddings and other special celebrations in the life of the Church. Altar Servers are usually scheduled for two Masses in a five-week period.

**ALL INTERESTED BOYS & GIRLS ARE INVITED
TO A MEETING ON **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14,**
FROM 7 – 7:30 PM IN THE CHURCH.**

Any parish youth in 4th Grade through 12th Grade interested in becoming an Altar Server should attend this meeting with a parent and their family calendar. We will plan the training schedule together according to the kids' activity schedules. This ministry is a beautiful way to support the worship life at St. Mary's and to serve God. **Email Patty Baribeau that you are coming at: st.marys.altarserver@gmail.com**, or just show up!

Why did I become an Altar Server? Here's what some Servers said!

"It's more interesting to have a job at Mass instead of sitting in the pew."

"I thought it was cool to know the names of everything and how to set up the Church."

"My family wasn't getting to Mass very much before. I thought my becoming an Altar Server would help us, and it did!"

"I wanted to do something for God."

OCTOBER 14, NEW ALTAR SERVER CLASS TRAINING: Sunday, October 14 from 7-7:30 PM in the Church. Any parish youth currently in grades 4-12 may study to become an Altar Server. Just bring the youth accompanied by a parent with your family calendar to this planning meeting. Email Patty Baribeau to indicate your interest: st.marys.altarserver@gmail.com. Becoming an Altar Server is a beautiful way to serve God, and helps make the Mass even more special.

women in
WINGS
God's spirit

WINGS (Women in God's Spirit): Did You Know? WINGS is a rich faith formation opportunity for Catholic women of all ages. A current member shared "WINGS is an inspirational experience that ignites a passion for learning about the faith". NEW FORMAT for fall 2018 includes a speaker on an interesting topic followed by Q&A with the speaker. Our fall season is entitled 'Catholic Cliff Notes a Study of Great Catholic Thinkers and Writers'. Please join us this **Wednesday, October**



3 from 9:45-11:00 AM. We will welcome Crista Mahoney, who will speak on St. Ignatius of Loyola. Women of all ages are welcome and loving childcare will be available!

PARENTS OF FAITH AND HOPE: Now also offering evening meetings, our faith-based support group is inviting new members to join our group of parents of children, teenagers and young adults with special needs, and those struggling with mental health, learning disabilities, bullying and other life challenges. The next meeting is Friday, October 12 from 9:00 to 11:15 AM at 12 Kingsbury Drive, Holliston. Our first bi-monthly evening meeting will be held on Friday, November 16 at 7 PM. For info please contact Donna at (508) 429-6576 or dmbrodo@comcast.net.

RCIA: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, is for anyone interested in exploring the Catholic faith. This includes Christians of other faiths, non-Baptized persons, persons Baptized Catholic but who never received their First Communion, Confirmation or both. The first part of RCIA is called "Inquiry," an opportunity to learn about the faith and ask questions in an informal and supportive setting. At a certain point, individuals then decide if they wish to continue RCIA in preparation for receiving their Sacraments of Initiation at the great Easter Vigil. RCIA meets roughly twice a month with the schedule tailored to the needs of each year's candidate group. Catholic spouses or fiancés are more than welcome to attend, often coming as a couple. Those over eighteen years old who might be interested in RCIA Inquiry, should call 508-429-4427. Those under eighteen should call Fran at 508-429-6076. Do you have a friend or family member who might be interested in the faith? This is the time to invite and welcome them to RCIA!

K of C TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE: The Knights of Columbus will be conducting the annual Tootsie Roll Drive next weekend October 6 and 7. Knights will be soliciting donations and handing out Tootsie Roll candy around town and after all Masses. One hundred percent of the donations are given to local charities in support of handicapped and special needs children.

K OF C BERTUCCI'S FUNDRAISER – OCTOBER 9 AND OCTOBER 10: Come to Bertucci's in Holliston for lunch or dinner on Tuesday, October 9 or Wednesday, October 10 from 11:30 AM to 9 PM, and Bertucci's will donate up to 25% of your purchase to the Holliston Knights of Columbus when you present this coupon whether you Dine In or Carry Out.



 HollistonCares	
<p>When you present this flyer, Bertucci's of Holliston will donate up to 25% of what you spend - Dine In, or Carry Out to the Holliston Knights of Columbus.</p>	
<p>Bertucci's of Holliston Tuesday, October 9, 2018 (11:30am - 9 pm) and Wednesday, October 10, 2018 (11:30am - 9 pm)</p>	
<p>ENJOY A DELICIOUS MEAL AND GIVE TO A GREAT CAUSE</p>	
	<p>414 Washington Street Holliston, MA 01746 (508) 429-4571</p>



CLOW- CHILDREN K-6: Today, Sunday, Sept. 30, the children will be dismissed from the main assembly and led to the lower church hall to hear what Jesus has to tell them in the Gospel. **Please note:** Younger children are welcome **but must be accompanied by their parents** and be able to sit and engage in the lesson. Older children are welcome to CLOW as assistants to the adult leaders.

CLOW LEADERS NEEDED: The Leader engages the children in a dialogue homily. Leaders are provided with the materials a week ahead to prepare for CLOW. Your child may be proud to have you as a leader! High School teens are encouraged and welcome to become leaders. If you can be a leader contact Pat Campo-LeBlanc at: olordyimforty@aol.com.

WEEK'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

DAY	GRADE	GRADE
Sun., Sept. 30	GR-K at 8:10 AM	GR-2 at 8:10 AM
	GR-2 at 10:45 AM	GR-3 at 7:55 AM
	GR-3at 10:45 AM	GR-6 at 12:45 PM
Mon., Oct. 01	GR-2 at 4:30 PM	GR-4 at 3:00 PM
	GR-6 at 2:30 PM	GR-6 at 5:00 PM
	GR-6 at 6:00 PM	
Tues., Oct. 02	GR-4 at 4:00 PM	GR-6 at 4:30 PM
	GR-9 at 6:30 PM	
Wed., Oct. 03	GR-2 at 4:15 PM	GR-7 at 6:00 PM
Thur., Oct. 04	GR-2 at 4:30 PM	GR-9 at 6:30 PM
Sun., Oct. 07	NO CLASSES	



The children of St. Mary's are counting on YOU!
 Contact us at: 508-429-6076 or by Email: st.marysre1870@gmail.com

GRADE 5: Two teachers are needed on alternate weeks on Mondays from 3 – 4:30 PM for a class of 7 to 8 children. **GRADE 7:** Four teachers are needed on alternate Sundays from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. Please Help!!

MONITORS: Be a vital presence for the safety of our children and youth. Monitors collect attendance, record absences and notify the families of their child's absence, greet and assist visitors, check classrooms during class time and help with mailings. **We will train you!**

SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR CHILDREN PARENT WORKSHOPS: If you were not able to attend one of the parent safety workshops and would like a packet sent to you, send us an Email and the Grade your child is in and one will be sent. For Opt-out forms contact our R.E. Office and one will be sent to you.

GRADE 9-CONFIRMATION I: Begins on Tuesday, October 2 and Thursday, October 4. Students are to arrive in Fr. Haley Hall before 6:30 PM with one or both parents and meet with Jake and the Grade 9 Coordinators.

PROTECTING GODS CHILDREN (PGC)

WORKSHOP: New volunteers 18 years of age and older serving in any capacity must complete a **2018-2019 CORI**, have a signed **Code of Conduct** and complete a **PGC** workshop. A PGC workshop is scheduled for Saturday, October 20 from 9 – 11 AM. Call 508-429-6076 to register.

FALL ADULT FORMATION PROGRAM: Bishop Robert Barron's "The Mass" will be offered as a six week session beginning on Tues., October 16 from 10 - Noon in Room 3 – 4. Walk through the sacred Liturgy and be transformed through insights on this most privileged and intimate encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ. Call the R. E. Office at 508-429-6076 to pre-register. All are welcome.

GRADE 2 MINI TOURS OF THE CHURCH: Monday, October 1 at 4:30 PM for the Sunday 8:10 AM classes; Thursday, October 4 at 4:30 PM for the 10:45 AM Sunday classes and Wednesday, October 10 for the Wednesday classes. If a child is unable to attend on their specified day they can attend one of the other scheduled tours. The tours end at 5:15 PM. All children are to be brought to the church. Parents are welcome to stay for the tours.

Help!! The Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) is in need of two more adults to help teach and present the children the meaning of the living Gospel message of Jesus. The lessons are simple to prepare and our CLOW Coordinator, Pat Campo-LeBlanc, will train and assist you. This is the time to plant the seeds of God's love and moral good in the hearts and minds of our children. Please prayerfully consider being part of the CLOW team.

FORMED -PICK OF THE WEEK: If you think you know Saint Francis, you're in for a surprise! In this exciting Augustine Institute audio drama, follow the fun-loving son and soldier of Assisi as he is transformed by the Gospel. Captivated by Christ, Saint Francis trades wealth for poverty, embraces lepers, shakes hands with the Pope, debates a Sultan, and touches the lives of millions. Brother Francis *"What a brilliant story, beautifully told. The production quality—from the writing and acting to the music and sound—is excellent. I was so moved and inspired."* - Flor De Liz P, Astoria, NY.

SPECIAL NEEDS: Meets on Tuesday, October 2 from 6:30 to 7:30 PM in the Library.



Taking a Cross Walk

With Jack Evans, by Cathy Stenquist

*"You don't know me, and I don't know you, but I sure would like to meet you"
"But I got a feeling if you and I could just sit down and talk...two plain ordinary human beings... I feel that we
might think a great deal alike".*

Kneeling in the quiet, I asked God to help me find the stories he needed telling. Pushing back in my seat I spied Jack slipping into the front pew. There would be comfort in taking my first Cross Walk with Jack, as we had been members of Arise several years ago at St. Mary's, so after Mass I invited him to walk with me. We agreed to meet the following Friday at Mass. A perfect start, I thought.

Heading toward the library, we passed a stained-glass window which was propped open. To my delight, looking through to the pavement, I spied a cross. "Jack, you have to see this!" I called to him. He turned around to take a look. "I guess that's our cross today," he added with a smile. *(Cross Photo Next Page)*

As we pulled out the chairs, I pointed out a cross I saw in the shelves near the bibles and we laughed. Neither of us knew where this Cross Walk would lead; but any anxiety on my part, dissipated as Jack smiled and his heartfelt story unfolded. He recalled being an altar boy and saying the rosary everyday with his family of 10. He added honestly, "Often times, I went through the motions, though I would really rather have been out playing baseball!"

At age 11, he heard a song called "Letter to Ivan" by Jimmy Dean about Russia and the Cold War. "We were supposed to hate the Russians," Jack said, "but instead I was deeply moved by the lyrics of this song and I wept." This strong sense of empathy stayed with him, and as we took our next steps, I could actually hear how this humble song had impacted his life, faith and actions.

In 1963, inspired by Pope John XXIII's call for Americans to go to South America, Jack's parents courageously packed up their 8 children and moved to Argentina to preach the Gospel and help the poor. Jack, age 12, had some fear initially, seeing the devastation of how the poor lived and getting accustomed to speaking a different language. He definitely was not in his comfort zone. They lived in simple, humble, low cost housing. As the children began playing together, his parents got to know the other families and began their outreach.

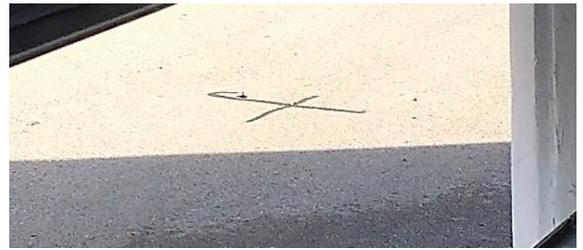
He had many challenging and meaningful experiences in Argentina, such as: using his English and altar boy skills to help an Argentinian nun who ran the American Chapel, taking a train to a Buenos Aires slum to help build a dispensary for medication and shoveling crushed rock into a pit to build a new outhouse.

"One day, my brother Rich, fell ill with a bad stomach ache," He said, "A local doctor came and pressed and prodded but could find nothing wrong. My mother urgently asked me to find a phone and call the McClouds, local friends who might have a car to get Rich to the hospital. I ran to the only pay phone in town, at the local fire station. I reached into my pocket and pulled out a peso, but it would not go in the slot. Another man banged hard on the phone and got a dial tone. Mr. McCloud answered the call and was able to drive my brother to a British Hospital for treatment. It turned out Rich's appendix had ruptured and he easily could have died. The amazing thing is that Mr. McCloud's phone had been broken and out of order for some time, but miraculously, God helped it work for this one phone call, and it never worked again!"

Later, back in the states, tragedy struck. In 1969, 2 days after graduation from High School, Jack was riding in a car with five others when there was a terrible car crash. His two sisters, Connie and Cindy, and two others were killed, Jack ended up in a body cast for 6 months and his best friend, Dennis severed his spinal cord and had become paralyzed. "It was what it was," Jack added, "I tried to make the most of what I did have. My friend Dennis is doing great now. He was my best man at my wedding and is my daughter Colleen's godfather."

During this time, Jack met Dianne, his wife of 46 years. In 1967, just back from Argentina, his sister Connie had joined Vista, which was like an American Peace Corp. There she got to know Dianne through a mutual seminarian friend at the

Oblate Seminary in Springfield Mass. While Jack recovered, Dianne along with other friends, would come and keep him company, sharing music and keeping his spirits up. There, she charmed his mother Ginny, who encouraged their relationship. "When are you guys going to wake up?" She would ask. "Being the obedient son, I did!" Jack laughed. A few years later they were married. They have one daughter Colleen who blessed them with a grandson Derek, now 16.



In the years after the car accident, Jack continued to be a survivor, overcoming four distinct kinds of cancer during his life: Hodgkin's Lymphoma, Prostate Cancer, Melanoma and Lung Cancer. And then in 2013, he suffered a stroke on the first day of their summer vacation. "God keeps sticking his fork in me and saying, 'Nope, not done yet!' and throwing me back," he joked.

"I had been working in New Jersey commuting back and forth each week," Jack shared, "which had been very stressful. Diane and I went camping. During a heat wave, I began to feel dizzy, so I went to our car to lay down. When Diane came to check on me, my face was drooping." He added, "My life was defined by my music and my guitar. It was a big adjustment. I miss playing the guitar." He passed his guitars on to his nephew and grandson and enjoys mentoring them. Any given Saturday, you can find Jack playing tambourine and maracas at the 5:00 PM Mass. "Leo Racine and the Choir have become like family to me and are so supportive," he shared.

I was so touched to learn how much it means to Jack to attend daily Mass. "I have tried to attend since I was 13 years old. It feels like a calling to me." Asked why he tries to attend everyday, Jack replies, "I want to be a good person and being there helps me."

Inspired by the 'Dear Ivan', Jack's outreach to people of different cultures continues. He doesn't just build a bridge; he takes the first steps too. He has taken the time to learn 'thank you' in Vietnamese and Egyptian Farsi to thank those who help him. While volunteering at Whittier Rehab, he encouraged a Hindu man to do his reps, by learning himself, to count to 15 in the man's native language.

"I have a strong desire to help people feel welcomed and valued for who they are. "Its my way of letting people know they are truly appreciated." When Jack worked at a driving school, his boss assigned to him the people who could not speak English. In order to form a bridge with his clients, he would have them teach him numbers in their native language while they were taking their lesson. Over the years he recorded phonetically in his notebook how to say the numbers "1,2,3" in 21 different languages: English, French, German, Italian, Sri Lankan, Cantonese, Mandarin, Hebrew and Russian to name a few.

Looking forward to this Christmas, the Evans family will enjoy another traditional gathering at his mother's home. "I was always the music man, singing Rudolph and other songs. Once again, we'll sing the 12 Days of Christmas with each person taking a part and Derek will play the trumpet." He and Dianne are looking forward to it.

The ability to understand and share the feelings of another, truly has become the thread that continues to weave in and out of Jack's life. I am so thankful to Jack for taking this first Cross Walk with me. I have been touched by his stories. As I read the lyrics of "Dear Ivan" today, I realized Jack is on the right track. Through his simple outreach to understand, connect with and love others, he is making the world a better place - number by number, word by word. Imagine if each of us did the same? When I see Jack in that front pew or playing his tambourine now, I will feel a little more connected to him. He has taught me much on our walk together; about carrying your cross with trust and faith and being Christ to all we meet. After all, we're all in this together. Thank you Jack.

Walking in His Name,
Cathy Stenquist

***I'm gonna say a prayer for you and yours
And if you in your own way, will say a
prayer for me and mine,
And maybe we can talk our neighbors
into doing the same thing.
This will be more powerful than any
conference held, over any conference
table,
Anywhere in the whole wide world. And
then maybe we can live as God intended,
Peacefully, together.*** (Lyrics from Dear
Ivan)

Link to Dear Ivan -
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qmo0Kj>