

Respect Life Month

October, 2018

"Human life is sacred because from its beginning it involves the creative action of God and it remains forever in a special relationship with the Creator, who is its sole end. God alone is the Lord of life from its beginning until its end: no one can under any circumstances claim for himself the right to destroy an innocent human being." Catholic Catechism



"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you." Jer. 1:4-5



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

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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.

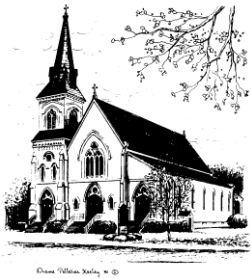
Please join in!

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.



Saint Mary's Parish

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

October 7, 2018
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

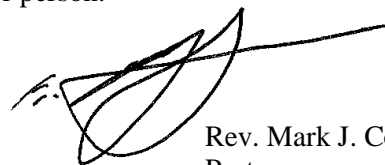
Today is Respect Life Sunday, a time we are called to reflect on the value of each and every human life from the moment of conception in the womb, to the moment of natural death. It may seem, and even be true, that in the Respect Life conversation we focus most on the innocent unborn. This is from the simple fact that they are so vulnerable, so under threat in the name of choice, and that they are unable to speak for themselves. Throughout His earthly ministry, Jesus spoke powerfully and urgently in defense of the weak and the helpless, and as His Living Body today the Church must imitate His example and continue His advocacy for those without standing in society. We do this not just by proclaiming the inherent value of all human life, but by promoting life in practical and helpful ways.

The Catholic Church in Boston offers tremendous support and resources to those in crisis pregnancies through Pregnancy Help (617-782-5151). This organization offers health care, housing, job training, counseling, adoption referral, nutrition, and practical baby needs to parents who without such help might consider terminating a pregnancy. Our annual "Baby Shower for the Unborn" will be held on October 20/21, collecting new baby items for Pregnancy Help. For women and men whose lives have been scarred by the experience of abortion, a powerful opportunity for healing and reconciliation is available through Project Rachel (508-651-3100).

Here at St. Mary's, we also have the weekly Rose for Life and maintain in our Parish Center lobby a whole board of resource materials and contact numbers. On Mother's Day we will have the annual Carnation Sale for Birthright of Framingham. Thank you to Deacon John Barry, Rosemary Rainsford and our Respect Life Committee for these efforts. It is so very important that we offer both spiritual and material support to parents in very difficult and painful situations.

Our efforts to respect life also must extend beyond the unborn to include all vulnerable persons - the poor, the condemned, the victims of war and terrorism, the elderly and the sick. To respect life is to acknowledge Christ in every person. During my twenty-four years of priesthood I have presided at the funerals of far too many children and teens, a number of them from St. Mary's. I look at the untimely passing of these young people and wish that I could give them life. The gift of life, however, is beyond our power to bestow. All that we can do is to respect and defend the lives of those still with us, whether born or unborn, young or old, healthy or sick, innocent or guilty. We cannot give life where we choose, so let us never dare for any reason to take the miracle of life away from another person.

In Christ's Service and Yours,



Rev. Mark J. Coiro
Pastor

A COLUMBUS DAY PRAYER ~

Heavenly Father, hear our prayer as we observe this national holiday. Help us to have a greater awareness of your magnificent gifts to us, the riches of our land, the splendors of the diverse peoples who form our country. Help us to view all your good gifts with respect and gratitude. Help us to understand that we need the forgiveness of those from whom we acquired this land and to learn to respect it as they did. Heal our divisions and bring us to unity and peace. Amen.

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

MUSIC	5:00 PM	9:30 AM	11:30 AM
Entrance	#537	#600	#600
Offertory	#540	#356	-
Communion	#480	-	#672
Recessional	#627	#474	#474

ST. MARY'S CHOIRS NEED YOU: 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. Contact Kevin Lyczak, Director of Music, by email: musicatstmarysholliston@gmail.com.

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. Please call Leo at 429-7476 to join.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND: Next week's second collection will support the Holy Father's "Peter's Pence" collection that provides funds for emergency and disaster relief and for Catholic World Missions that support pastoral and evangelization efforts in mission dioceses. This collection will also provide support to The Catholic University of America (CUA) that educates priests and lay people for ministry and for the Inner City Parishes of the Archdiocese of Boston. Thank you for your support.

LAST SUNDAY'S PARISH OFFERTORY:

Mass Collections: \$ 10,394.00
 Automatic Giving: \$ 3,290.00
 Total Offertory: \$ 13,684.00

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!

PRAYERS AND MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday October 6
 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
Monday October 8
 9:00 Tom Nolan
Tuesday October 9
 9:00 Michael Tomacelli
Wednesday October 10
 9:00 Bill Tobin
Thursday October 11
 9:00 Edgar, Margaret & Christopher George
Friday October 12
 9:00 William J. Kelley
Saturday October 13
 9:00 Regina Cassidy
 5:00 Paul T. Shea
 7:30 Susan Johnson
Sunday October 14
 7:30 People of St. Mary's
 9:30 Oscar and Lucy Caron
 11:30 Pat McDonald



THE ROSE FOR LIFE: Is sponsored this week by John and Maureen Klauser. Please join them in prayer for an unborn child.

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 today Sunday, 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.

SAINT MARY'S WOMEN'S GROUP: Will meet this Wednesday, October 10 in the Parish Library from 12 to 2 PM. Come and enjoy lunch and a social afternoon. All are welcome.

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. 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.

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 10 from 9:45-11:00 AM. We will welcome Mary Jane Rice, who will speak on Dante Alighieri. Women of all ages are welcome and loving childcare will be available!



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.

MSYG 8th GRADE HAUNTED HAYRIDE TRIP: DEPARTURE time for the trip is Friday, October 19 at 4:00 PM sharp from St. Mary's. Do not be late, please arrive at 3:45 PM if possible. RETURN: Around 10:30 PM to St. Mary's. (It's hard to predict exactly due to traffic & Hayride lines). Please remember to bring money for dinner at the Charlton Rest Stop and for ice cream at the farm.

MSYG 6th & 7th GRADE HAUNTED MANSION TRIP: DEPARTURE time for this trip is Saturday, October 20 at 4:30 PM sharp from St. Mary's. RETURN: Around 10 – 10:30 PM to the St. Mary's Parish Center. (It's hard to exactly predict line waiting time at the Mansion). Remember to bring money for homemade ice cream at Peaceful Meadows Farm after the Mansion. (Pizza dinner is already included).




MONTHLY ROSARY WITH THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: The next Rosary will be Wednesday, October 17. The Council recites the Rosary every third Wednesday of the month in St. Mary's Church at 7:00 PM. As quoted in the March 2017 Columbia magazine, "Knights need to be men of prayer." ALL parishioners are invited to share in this beautiful and powerful prayer with our council.

"With Mary for guide, you shall never go astray; while invoking her, you shall never lose heart; so long as she is in your mind, you are safe from deception..."
St. Bernard of Clairvaux

K OF C TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE: The Knights of Columbus will be conducting the annual Tootsie Roll Drive this 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.

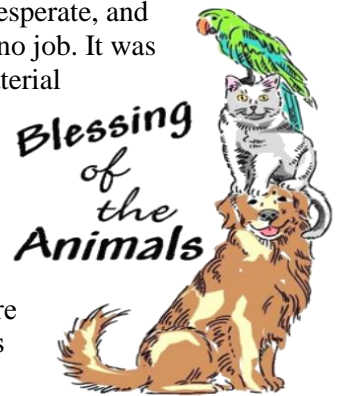
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<p>When you present this flyer, Bertucci's of Holliston will donate up to 25% of what you spend - Dine In, or Carry Out to the Holliston Knights of Columbus.</p>	
<p>Bertucci's of Holliston Tuesday, October 9, 2018 (11:30am - 9 pm) and Wednesday, October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



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.

POPE FRANCIS' MESSAGE TO ALTAR SERVERS: *"Serving at the altar is a privileged way to draw closer to Jesus, which in turn enables you to open yourselves to others, to journey together, to set demanding goals and to find the strength to achieve them. The closer you are to the altar, the more you will remember to speak with Jesus in daily prayer; the more you will be nourished by the Word and the Body of the Lord, the better able you will be to go out to others, bringing them the gift that you have received, giving in turn with enthusiasm the joy you have received."*

BABY SHOWER FOR THE UNBORN: October 20 & 21 at all Masses. Please bring new baby items and clothes to Mass and place them in or around the baby stroller in the sanctuary. These gifts will directly assist mothers in crisis pregnancies through the Pregnancy Help program of our Archdiocese. Thank you for supporting families and babies in their time of need! A Pregnancy Help Client Testimonial: "When I got pregnant I felt lonely, desperate, and confused. I found myself pregnant with no husband, no family, no money, no house and maybe no job. It was like being in a dark hole. I heard about Pregnancy Help, and they gave me the emotional and material support to get out of the confusion, to put aside all the obstacles that I thought I had and begin to take care of myself and my baby. I do not have words big enough to match the work they do." Learn more at www.pregnancyhelpboston.org.



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS: Sunday, October 21 at 1 PM in the Lower Church Hall ~ The Rite of the Blessing of Animals will be celebrated. Each pet will receive an individual blessing as we ask God's protection for our animal friends and remember that all living things are precious to Him. This blessing takes place in October as St. Francis of Assisi's Feast Day is this month, and he had a special love of the furred, finned and feathered creatures of the earth.

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!



HAPPY COLUMBUS DAY! Christopher Columbus and his ships' crews started every morning with the Lord's Prayer, the Hail Mary, and many prayers found in the Liturgy of the Hours. They had prayers throughout the day, and at night sang the Salve Regina. His voyage to the new world was beset with calamities - a broken rudder, major leaks in the boats, and broken compasses. On September 23, the ship hit a calm, causing seamen to complain they'd never be able to get back to Spain. But later, the sea rose without the aid of any wind. This "astonished them," and Columbus compared it to the miracles that accompanied Moses. After going months without seeing land, the crewmen became restless. Columbus told his men that if he did not see land by October 12, the feast of Our Lady of the Pillar, he would turn and go back to Spain. At 10:00 PM on October 11, the crew gathered on deck as usual to sing the Salve Regina. Columbus saw a faint flickering light like a candle but did not take it as a sign of land. At 2:00 AM a crewman yelled "Terra!" (Land!). Then at daybreak, they saw the land which Columbus promptly named San Salvador, "Holy Savior." They had indeed been saved.

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."

CLOW- CHILDREN K-6: Today, Sunday, October 7, the children will remain in the church with Fr. Mark and learn what Jesus teaches us in the Gospel reading.

Help!! The Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) is in need of two more adults to help teach and present to 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.

WEEK'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

DAY	GRADE	GRADE
Sun., Oct. 07	NO CLASSES	
Mon., Oct. 08	NO CLASSES	
Tues., Oct. 09	GR-5 at 4:00 PM	GR-6 at 4:30 PM
	GR-9 at 6:30 PM	
Wed., Oct. 10	GR-2 at 4:30 PM	
Thur., Oct. 11	GR-9 at 6:30 PM	
Sun., Oct. 14	Pre-K at 9:15 AM	GR-1 at 8:10 AM
	GR-4 at 7:50 AM	GR-4 at 10:45 AM
	GR-5 at 10:45 AM	GR-6 at 12:45 AM
	GR-6 at 5:00 PM	GR-7 at 5:30 PM



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:** Two teachers are needed on alternate Sundays from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. Please Help!!

MONITORS ARE NEEDED: Be a vital presence for the safety of our children and youth and volunteer to help.

- Sundays, 12:45 to 2:00 PM – weekly.
- Sundays, 5 – 6 PM weekly.
- Mondays from 3 – 4:30 PM – Alternate weeks.
- Mondays from 5 – 6:30 PM – Alternate weeks.

GRADE 2 INSCRIPTION MASS – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14 at 4:30 PM. Families with children in Grade 2 are reminded to attend the Inscription Mass with their child. At least one parent must be present. The children will present their hearts during the Mass to be displayed by the Mary Statue so that the parish community can pray for the children during the year as they prepare to receive Jesus in Holy Communion.

GRADE 9-CONFIRMATION I: Begins on Tuesday, October 9 and Thursday, October 11. Students are to arrive in Fr. Haley Hall before 6:30 PM.

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 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: The last Grade 2 Tour will be held on Wednesday, October 10 from 4:30 to 5:15 PM. If you were unable to bring our child to one of the other tours please make an effort to come on Wednesday. All children are to be brought to the church. Parents are welcome to stay for the tours.

FORMED -PICK OF THE WEEK: Divine Mercy in the Second Greatest Story Ever Told. Experience God's Mercy Join Fr. Michael Gaitley on a journey to uncover the reality of God's merciful love as he weaves together history, Sacred Scripture, the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima, and the witnesses of Saints Faustina, John Paul II, and Maximilian Kolbe. *"This series will change your life! Fr. Gaitley has scored another home run with this series."*
- Dan S, Milledgeville, GA

FORMED – KID'S CORNER: The Rosary: A Special way to pray. Through music and prayer in this entertaining and guidance-filled presentation, Br. Francis inspires children to deepen faith by praying the Rosary. Pray the Rosary every day, and meditate on the life of Christ in either the Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious or Mysteries of Light with your family...

NORFOLK PRISON MINISTRY: Sister Kathleen has requested our assistance this year collecting soap for the inmates at the prison. A bin will be placed in front of the Library for donations next week. Soap donations will be picked up during the second week of December. Please no liquid soap lotions or travel soap. She is asking for bars of soap only. *Thank you for your help!*

COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS: Tuesday, October 16 at 7:45 PM in the Library.