

*"It is easier for a camel to pass through
the eye of a needle than for one who is
rich to enter the kingdom of God."*

Mark 10:25



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.



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October 14, 2018
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

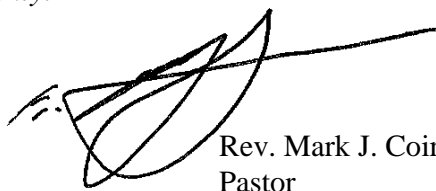
Today's Gospel depicts a young man who clings to worldly possessions rather than following Christ. Yet in the end, our relationship with Jesus is the only thing we have of real value. It is the one thing that lasts, when ultimately our earthly life weakens and fades. To his credit, the young man was very interested in salvation, asking Jesus the important question, *"Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"* Jesus then looked deep into the young man's heart to see what was preventing him from giving his whole self to God. In the young man's case, it was wealth, and so that is what Jesus challenged him to give up.

As Jesus looks into each of us today, what does He see that has a greater hold on us than God's love? Is Jesus asking us through greater charity to give up the hold that money has on us? Is He through forgiveness asking us to give up the hold that anger has on us? We each have that which binds us to this broken world, things we cling to that keep us from fully following Jesus. It takes humility to recognize those bonds, and the help of God to sever them.

It is not by accident that today's second reading described God's Word as being *"sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating even between soul and spirit, joints and marrow, and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart."* The Bible has the power to help you face the truth about yourself and about God. It has the power to free you, as you discover God's plan for your life. That is perhaps the greatest gift the Bible can give to any of us.

"Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" asked the young man. If you are interested in the answer to that question – then start reading the Bible. Pick a Gospel. Read a chapter each day. Allow a few minutes to reflect on what you've read. Ask yourself - what is God trying to say to you personally at this moment in your life. Then, in the words of St. Paul, *"Let the Word of God, dwell in you richly."*

In Christ's Service and Yours,



Rev. Mark J. Coiro
Pastor



NEXT SUNDAY ~ 13th ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS!

On Sunday, October 21, at 1 PM in the Lower Church Hall, The Church's "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. Please bring pets appropriately leashed or caged.

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."

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 October 13
 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
Monday October 15
 9:00 Melissa Bachman
Tuesday October 16
 9:00 Edward Hilliard, Month's Mind
Wednesday October 17
 9:00 Alma Lester, 3rd Anv.
Thursday October 18
 9:00 Holy Souls
Friday October 19
 9:00 Melissa Bachman
Saturday October 20
 9:00 George King Godfrey
 5:00 Kay & Ed Hamlet
 7:30 People of St. Mary's
Sunday October 21
 7:30 Richard Coughlin, 10th Anv.
 9:30 Debbie McKinnon
 11:30 Agnes Walsh

MUSIC	5:00 PM	9:30 AM	11:30 AM
Entrance	#315	#303	#303
Offertory	#521	-	-
Communion	#379	-	#366
Recessional	#616	#444	#444

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND: This 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: \$ 9,019.00
 Automatic Giving: \$ 2,548.00
 Total Offertory: \$ 11,567.00

Last week's deficit: - 333.00

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!



BANNS OF MARRIAGE:

I Stephen Tlumacki & Johannah Harris

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



ST. MARY'S ANNUAL PASTA SUPPER: Please join your fellow parishioners for fine Italian fare, live music and great company at this year's Pasta Dinner on Saturday, November 10 from 6 to 8 PM. The menu will include rigatoni with red sauce, rigatoni with broccoli and chicken, rigatoni with butter, meatballs, salad, rolls and soda, water, juice and Italian pastries. Families with children of all ages are welcome. The cost is \$10 per person, or \$30 for immediate family (parents and children). Tickets will be on sale after all Masses the weekends of October 27 and 28 and November 3 and 4, and at the R.E. Office starting October 31.



EPIC KICKOFF MEETING – OCTOBER 14: Join EPIC, St. Mary’s High School Youth Group, TONIGHT - Sunday, 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, friendship, and fun. Come learn about all the cool events EPIC will be doing this fall. Open to all high schoolers! Contact our youth minister 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. There will also be signups for our Mini Golf Trip, Sunday, October 21!

MSYG 8th GRADE HAUNTED HAYRIDE

TRIP: Departure time for the trip is this 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 this 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).



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 17 from 9:45-11:00

AM. We will welcome Ron Dowding, who will speak on St. Augustine. Women of all ages are welcome and loving childcare will be available.



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!

~ NEXT WEEKEND ~

BABY SHOWER FOR THE UNBORN NEXT WEEKEND: 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.



RESPECT LIFE: October is Respect Life Month. One of the basic tenets of Catholic Social Teaching (CST) is a belief in the life and dignity of all human persons. Catholic Relief Services has put together a video series about CST entitled CST 101. Go to <https://www.crs.org/resource-center/cst-101-video-life-and-dignityhuman-person> for the video on life and dignity.

"The Catholic community must offer support to those women who may find it difficult to accept a child, above all when they are isolated from their family and friends. Likewise, the community should be open to welcome back all who repent of having participated in the grave sin of abortion and should guide them with pastoral charity to accept the grace of forgiveness, the need for penance, and the joy of entering once more into the new life of Christ." – Pope Benedict XVI

"Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception. From the first moment of his existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person – among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life." – Catechism of the Catholic Church 2270

"America you are beautiful . . . and blessed . . . The ultimate test of your greatness is the way you treat every human being, but especially the weakest and most defenseless. If you want equal justice for all and true freedom and lasting peace, then America, defend life." – Pope Saint John Paul II

HEALING SERVICE: On Wednesday, October 17 at the Fatima Shrine. Rosary will begin at 6:55 PM with Mass at 7:15 PM followed by prayer for emotional and physical healing. Rev. Richard McAlear, O.M.I., will preside. The evening is sponsored by the Vision of Peace prayer Group. A Free Will offering will be taken. If you have any questions, call Ron Whinnem at (508) 655-1463.

GREEN HALLOWEEN: Pat Campo-LeBlanc, a member of the Creation Care Team, gives us some information on how to have a Green Halloween. "Use the colors and textures from nature itself to decorate your home for the season", she says. "Pretty colored leaves, pinecones, vines with berries on them, Indian Corn, pumpkins, squashes, gourds, apples, asters, mums and hay make beautiful decorations in baskets or attached to wreaths. Since these items are all biodegradable you can feel good about not cluttering the landfills with materials that don't break down." Pat then adds, "go old school and have your children use pillowcases to collect their treats in, dig into your closets and your imagination to come up with original and homemade costumes." Here are a couple of websites that can start you off on having a Green Halloween. For candy and other treats, <http://www.greenhalloween.org/content.php?page=treats> and for costumes, <https://www.countryliving.com/diy-crafts/g1360/halloween-costumes-for-kids/>.

Donate Blood in memory of **Marc Levasseur**



Celebrate life and make a difference by giving blood. Blood is needed for many different kinds of patients. It could be a young child with a rare blood disorder, a family member fighting cancer, or a friend involved in a car accident. Please schedule an appointment to donate at this special blood drive. You'll feel good knowing you've helped change the lives of patients in need.

Marc Levasseur Blood Drive **Holliston Town Hall**

Upper Town Hall
703 Washington Street
Holliston, MA 01746

Saturday, November 3, 2018
9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter:
Marc to schedule an appointment.

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.



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CLOW- CHILDREN K-6: Today, Sunday, Oct. 14, 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.

Help!! The Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) is in need of two more adults to help teach 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. 14	Pre-K at 9:15 AM	GR-1 at 8:10 AM
	GR-2 at 4:30 PM*	GR-4 at 10:45 AM
	GR-5 at 10:45 AM	GR-6 at 12:45 PM
Mon., Oct. 15	GR-6 at 5:00 PM	GR-7 at 5:30 PM
	GR-3 at 3:00 PM	GR-5 at 3:00 PM
	GR-6 at 2:30 PM Sharon Butler's Class	GR-8 at 6:00 PM
Tues., Oct. 16	GR-4 at 4:00 PM	GR-6 at 4:30 PM
	GR-10 at 6:30 PM	
Wed., Oct. 17	GR-7 at 6:00 PM	GR-8 at 6:00 PM
Thur., Oct. 18	GR-10 at 6:30 PM	
Sun., Oct. 21	GR--K at 9:15 AM	GR-2 at 8:10 AM
	GR-3 at 7:55 AM	GR-2 at 10:45 AM
	GR-3 at 10:45 AM	GR-6 at 12:45 PM
	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 429-6076 or by St.marysre1870@gmail.com

GRADE 5: Two teachers are needed on alternate 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 & 5 – 6 PM weekly.
- Mondays from 3 – 4:30 PM – Alternate weeks.
- Mondays from 5 – 6:30 PM – Alternate weeks.

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

GRADE 10 - CONFIRMATION II: Begins on Tuesday, October 16 and Thursday, October 18. Students are to arrive in Fr. Haley Hall before 6:30 PM to be checked in.

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, 10AM-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 R.E. Office at 508-429-6076 to pre-register. All are welcome.

Get **FORMED on the go! Our Catholic Faith**

On Demand: Go to: <https://www.formed.org>.

1. Scroll across the FORMED page and find **"LEARN", "SUBSCRIBE"** and **"REGISTER"**
2. Click **"REGISTER"**. A new window appears.
3. Enter the Parish Code: **NW3N3Q** (all caps).
4. Enter your personal **Email address**.
5. A new window opens: **Enter your First and Last Name, Job (Parishioner), Address, State, and Zip Code.**
6. Now enter your **Password** – (twice for verification) ***please write this down. You will then be asked to verify your Email.**
7. Check your Email box and **verify**.
8. Once verified you will be in the **FORMED** page.
9. Now **LOGIN:** Enter your **Email Address** and **Password**. Enjoy the various programs!

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. Soap donations will be picked up during the second week of December. Please no liquid soap, lotions or travel soap. Donations must be bars of soap only. *Thank you for your help!*

GRADE 2 INSCRIPTION MASS – TODAY, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14 at 4:30 PM. Children in Grade 2 and their families must be in the church by 4:15 PM for the Inscription Mass. Families are to sit with their child's teacher. The children will present their hearts that will be displayed in the church for the parish family to see and pray for the children preparing for First Holy Communion.