



**TODAY, 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.



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!

Reconciliation: 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.

IN HONOR OF THIS WEEKEND'S BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS, WE SHARE THIS ARTICLE BY REV. RICHARD ROHR, OFM

*If you would learn more, ask the cattle,
Seek information from the birds of the air.
The creeping things of earth will give you lessons,
And the fishes of the sea will tell you all.
There is not a single creature that does not know
That everything is of God's making.
God holds in power the soul of every living thing,
And the breath of every human body.*

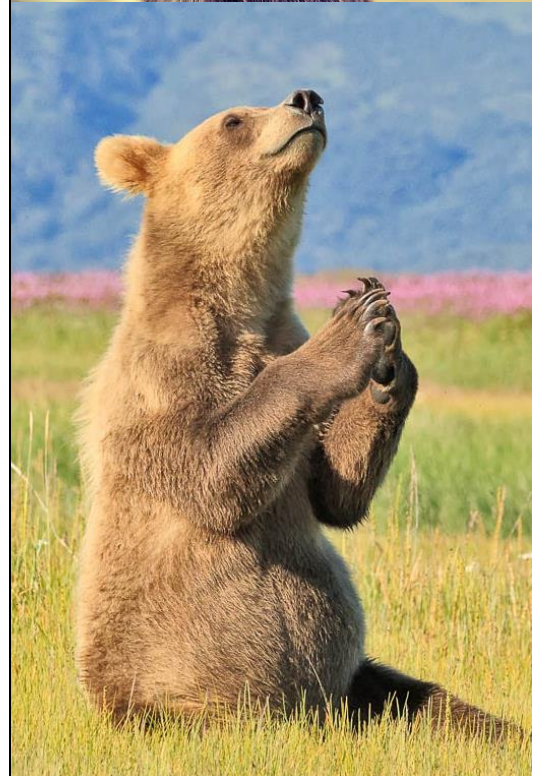
— Book of Job 12:7-10

Most people do not even know that this wonderful passage from Job is in the Bible. My friend and fellow Franciscan Jack Wintz wrote a book entitled *Will I See My Dog in Heaven?* In it he takes the scriptural, Christian, and Franciscan traditions to their logical conclusions: Yes, of course! As Franciscans, we studied the Scriptures and chanted Psalms that were filled with allusions to the natural world and animals. From the beginning of the Bible to the end, it is clear that a loving God includes all of creation in God's Kingdom.

In the Genesis story, God's love, beauty, and goodness overflow into creation; and all creatures, including humans, are living peacefully in God's presence. Isaiah prophesies the "peaceable kingdom" to come (11:1-9; 65:17-25), which is symbolized by animals living in peace. In Revelation, John hears "every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, everything in the universe" giving God "blessing and honor, glory and might, forever and ever" (Revelation 5:13). Finally, John sees "a new heaven and a new earth" (21:1) and the Bible ends with a new garden, complete with "the river of life-giving water" and "the tree of life" (22:1-2).

God shows authentic, primal concern for all animals by directing Noah to take a male and female of every species onto the ark to be saved (see Genesis 7:2-3). Apparently, animals matter and are worth "saving." After the flood, God makes a covenant, not just with people but with all of creation (stated five times in 9:10-17). How did we miss that? Sadly, if we are self-centered, even if we say the Bible is the "inerrant" word of God, we will hear only what we want to hear! God's salvation—and every biblical covenant—is clearly a social, historical, and universal concept rather than the merely human and individualistic version of salvation that most of us were taught.

I encourage you to study Scripture for yourself. Note especially Daniel 3:57-82; Job 12: 7-10 and 38:4-39:30; and Psalms 104 and 148, all of which show forth the revelatory power of creation. As Wintz says, "We are a part of this Creation, not apart from it." To love something is to mirror its inmost core and dignity, which we have also found within ourselves.



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
 Mrs. Mary Sanning, Business Manager
 Mrs. Najat Whalen, Sacristan
 Mr. Billy Hanson, Parish Facilities
 R & R Landscaping, Cemetery Care

PRAYERS AND MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday October 20
 5:00 Kay & Ed Hamlet
 7:30 Ryan Harvey
Sunday October 21
 7:30 Richard Coughlin, 10th Anv.
 9:30 Debbie McKinnon
 11:30 Agnes Walsh
Monday October 22
 9:00 Edward Hilliard
Tuesday October 23
 9:00 Michael Tomacelli
Wednesday October 24
 9:00 David Moore, Month's Mind
Thursday October 25
 9:00 Melissa Bachman
Friday October 26
 9:00 Dante, Carmela & Crescenzo Camuso
Saturday October 27
 9:00 Jack Evans
 5:00 Paul & Emma Jensen
 7:30 William Murphy
Sunday October 28
 7:30 People of St. Mary's
 9:30 Walter J. Ciampa, Sr.
 11:30 Emelia Bourque, 2nd Anv.

| MUSIC | 5:00 PM | 9:30 AM | 11:30 AM |
|-------------|---------|---------|----------|
| Entrance | #316 | #477 | #477 |
| Offertory | #384 | #324 | - |
| Communion | #322 | #369 | #369 |
| Recessional | #616 | #482 | #482 |

PANTRY SHELF HELP: Regular coffee, applesauce, cereal and snacks for kids lunches. Please drop off in the blue bin by the main parking lot entrance.

SECOND COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND: Peter's Pence collection ~ \$3,525.00. Thank you.

LAST SUNDAY'S PARISH OFFERTORY:

Mass Collections: \$ 10,774.00
 Automatic Giving: \$ 3,012.00
 Total Offertory: \$ 13,786.00

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:

II Stephen Tlumacki & Johannah Harris

THE ROSE FOR LIFE: Is sponsored this week by John and Maureen Klauser. Please join them in prayer for an unborn child. Please call 429-4427 if you would like to sponsor the rose.

ST. MARY'S MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES:

Find out about opportunities to serve and participate in the life of our parish. Booklets are available on the table by the Religious Education Office. Let's celebrate our call as individuals and as a parish to discipleship and service.

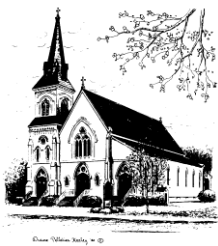
NEWSLETTER COLLATING: Please join us this Friday, October 26 from 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM in Father Haley Hall to assist in our collating of the November Newsletter. All are welcome and needed!

ST. MARY'S ANNUAL PASTA SUPPER:

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 next weekend, October 27 and 28 and November 3 and 4, and at the Religious Education Office starting October 31.





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October 21, 2018
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

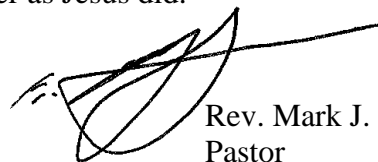
Dear Members of the St. Mary's Parish Family,

Congratulations to our Business Manager, now "Mrs." Mary Sanning, who yesterday married retired National Weather Service Weatherman Bob Thompson. May God richly bless Mary and Bob in their new life together!

"We do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has similarly been tested in every way." What consolation comes to us through these words from today's second reading! There is no struggle, no conflict, no fear that Jesus has not faced before us, and for us. When we walk through darkness we know this is the path that Jesus has already trod, and that He understands what we're experiencing as no one else possibly could.

There is an old French proverb, *"To understand all is to forgive all."* The heart of the mystery of the Incarnation is that Jesus understands us because He is now truly one of us. In this understanding lays our great confidence in His mercy and forgiveness. In next Sunday's Gospel the disciples tell Bartimaeus *"You have nothing to fear from Jesus,"* and the same is true for any of us who approach Jesus in humility, repentance, and love. Let us strive to better understand and love one another as Jesus did.

In Christ's Peace,



Rev. Mark J. Coiro
Pastor

P.S. Last weekend in Rome, Pope Francis canonized Archbishop Oscar Romero. A powerful advocate for the poor and oppressed, Saint Oscar Romero served the people of El Salvador and was assassinated in 1980 while celebrating Mass in San Salvador. I share with you below a beautiful and wise reminder he left to all of us who strive to serve the Lord as Catholic Christians.

"It helps, now and then, to step back and take a long view. The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is even beyond our vision.

We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work. Nothing we do is complete, which is a way of saying that the kingdom always lies beyond us.

No statement says all that could be said.

No prayer fully expresses our faith.

No confession brings perfection.

No pastoral visit brings wholeness.

No program accomplishes the church's mission.

No set of goals and objectives includes everything.

This is what we are about.

We plant the seeds that one day will grow.

We water seeds already planted,

knowing that they hold future promise.

We lay foundations that will need further development. We provide yeast that produces far beyond our capabilities.

We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something, and to do it very well.

It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.

We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker.

We are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own."



EPIC MINI GOLF TRIP– OCTOBER 21: TONIGHT EPIC is going on a Mini Golf Trip to Trombetta’s Farm in Marlborough. Those registered should arrive at St. Mary’s by 6 PM. The bus will return back around 9:30 PM. If the weather is nice we will meet in the parking lot. If the weather is bad we will meet inside. Eat dinner beforehand but bring spending money for their homemade ice cream. If you have any questions contact Jake Thiringer at stmarysym1870@gmail.com.

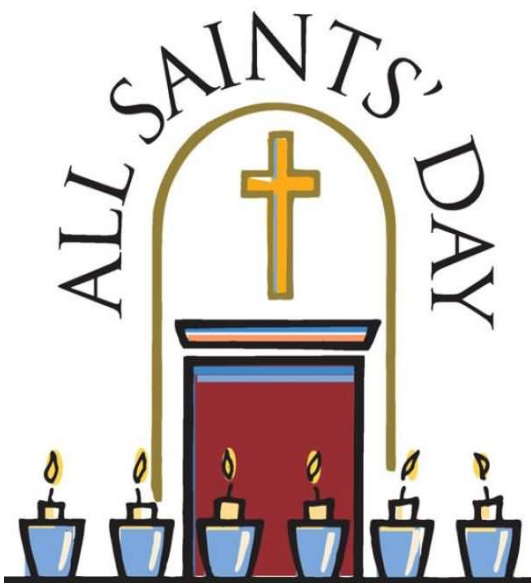
MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP MEETING: NEXT Sunday, October 28 from 6:30 – 8 PM in Fr. Haley Hall. As always at our November Meeting we will have a beautiful prayer service for our beloved departed. There will also be signups for the November 12, Veteran’s Day Paintball Trip and the November 26, 7th Grade Bingo Service Trip to Saint Patrick’s Manor. All 6th, 7th, & 8th Graders are invited to join us for faith, friendship, service and fun. Bring a friend!

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 24 from 9:45-11:00 AM. We will welcome Professor Kerry Cronin, who will speak on St. Thomas Aquinas. Women of all ages are welcome and loving childcare will be available.



TODAY ~ BABY SHOWER FOR THE UNBORN: Please place your donations of new baby items 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. After this weekend’s Masses the baby stroller will be available for further item drop offs in the Parish Center Lobby through Sunday, October 28. Thank you for supporting families in their time of need. Learn more at www.pregnancyhelpboston.org.

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!



FEAST OF ALL SAINTS THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1, A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: Holy Day Masses will be celebrated at 9 AM & 7:00 PM. Today the Church celebrates the Feast of All Saints – honoring and asking the prayerful intercession of all the Holy Men, Women, and Children who have gone ahead of us in faith and now live in the light of God’s presence. Some of the saints have been “declared” by the Church and their names are known to us. Most, however, are known only to God, and this day we both commemorate their holy lives and recall our own calling to become saints – holy witnesses of Christ’s love to the world.

ALL SOULS CANDLELIGHT MASS ~ TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6: This Special Mass at 7:00 PM will include a candlelight memorial, with a reading of the names of all those buried from our parish since All Souls last year. A candle inscribed with each name will be lit, which the family is invited to take home after the Mass. Any and all parishioners are invited to come pray for their own departed loved ones at this beautiful celebration of faith and hope. The full choir will be ministering.

CLOW- CHILDREN K-6: Today, Sunday, October 21, 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. 21 | GR-K at 9:15 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 | GR-6 at 12:45 PM |
| | GR-6 at 5:00 PM | GR-7 at 5:30 PM |
| Mon., Oct. 22 | GR-4 at 3:00 PM | GR-6 at 2:30 PM |
| | GR-6 at 5:00 PM | GR-8 at 6:00 PM |
| Tues., Oct. 23 | GR-5 at 4:00 PM | GR-6 at 4:30 PM |
| | GR-9 at 6:30 PM | |
| Wed., Oct. 24 | GR-2 at 4:15 PM | GR-7 at 6:00 PM |
| | GR-8 at 6:00 PM | |
| Thur., Oct. 25 | GR-9 at 6:30 PM | |
| Sun., Oct. 28 | GR-1 at 8:10 AM | GR-4 at 7:55 AM |
| | GR-4 at 10:45 AM | GR-5 at 10:45 AM |
| | GR-6 at 5:00 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.

SPECIAL NEEDS: Tuesday, November 6 from 6:30 to 7:30 PM in the Library.

GRADE 9 - CONFIRMATION I: Grade 9 meets this week on Tuesday, October 23 and Thursday, October 25 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM in Fr. Haley Hall.

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**. Please check the RCAB website for PGC Workshops scheduled in nearby parishes.

FALL ADULT FORMATION PROGRAM: Bishop Robert Barron's "The Mass" will continue on Tuesday, October 23 from 10 AM-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. All are welcome.

GET FORMED ON THE GO! Our Catholic Faith on Demand: Go to: <https://www.formed.org>.

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5. Now enter your **Password** – (twice for verification) ***please write this down. You will then be asked to verify your Email.**
6. Check your Email box and **verify**.
7. Once verified you will be in the **FORMED** page.
8. 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!*

CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS NATIVITY: Families with children Grades 1 – 4 will receive a mailing for their children to participate in the Christmas Eve Nativity at the 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Vigil Mass. Mail the completed form to Debra Frey, 615 Winter St., Holliston, MA 01748. You may also scan and Email the form to: specialinnkeeper1224@gmail.com. All forms must be received **no later than Wednesday, November 14.**