



St. Mary's Parish

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.



Christ the King Sunday, the final Sunday of the Liturgical year, is a feast day that focuses on the authority of Christ. While the problems our world faces today differ from the particular events that inspired Pope Pius XI to establish this feast in the 1920s, his message and call to honor Christ the King in a society that denies the authority of Our Lord is no less pertinent now than it was then.

History of the Feast

The Solemnity of Christ the King is a newer feast in the Catholic Church; it was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925. The pontiff was witness to a turbulent time in the world's history. Secularism was on the rise and dangerous dictatorships were emerging in Europe and beyond. Christ had long been referred to as King, but Pope Pius and the Christian faithful saw the respect and reverence for Christ's authority waning in the midst of the unrest during the first part of the 20th century. In response, the feast was set with the intent to reaffirm and refocus faith and respect in the kingship of Jesus. On the importance of the public world recognizing the kingly authority of Jesus, Pope Pius XI wrote:

"When once men recognize, both in private and in public life, that Christ is King, society will at last receive the great blessings of real liberty, well-ordered discipline, peace and harmony. Our Lord's regal office invests the human authority of princes and rulers with a religious significance; it ennobles the citizen's duty of obedience.

Further, if princes and magistrates duly elected are filled with the persuasion that they rule, not by their own right, but by the mandate and in the place of the Divine King, they will exercise their authority piously and wisely, and they will make laws and administer them, having in view the common good and also the human dignity of their subjects. The result will be a stable peace and tranquility, for there will be no longer any cause of discontent."

Pope Pius XI was hoping for these effects to occur:

That nations would see that the Church has the right to religious freedom.

That leaders and nations would see that they are bound to give respect to Christ.

That the faithful would gain strength and courage from the celebration of the feast, as we are reminded that Christ must reign in our hearts, minds, wills, and bodies.

The feast was initially fixed to the final day of October, the day before All Saints Day. Later, in 1969, Pope Paul VI moved the feast to the last Sunday before Advent, to emphasize the importance of the feast. This is fitting within the Church year. The liturgical year begins with Advent, the season of awaiting the coming of Christ, and now the year ends with celebrating the Kingship of Christ.

History of the Title "Christ the King"

While the feast is relatively new, the tradition of calling Christ "King" is not. Jesus is referred to as King throughout the New Testament: *To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen* – 1 Tim 1:17

Nathan'a-el answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" – John 1:49

Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You have said so." – Mt. 27:11

And this will be made manifest at the proper time by the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords – 1 Tim 6:15

And they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, "Great and wonderful are thy deeds, O Lord God the Almighty! Just and true are thy ways, O King of the ages!" – Rev. 15:3

And from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the first-born of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood – Rev. 1:5

On his robe and on his thigh he has a name inscribed, King of kings and Lord of lords. – Rev. 19:16

Clearly "King" was one of the earliest titles given to the Son of God. The title does not refer to a status of an earthly king, which many of the Jews had been expecting – someone to overthrow the Roman rule and be earthly king of the Israelites. Rather He came to be the spiritual king; His kingdom is in heaven, not confined to the earth alone. In respecting the name of Christ the King, and in celebrating the yearly feast, both citizens and leaders are to remain reverent and devoted to the higher authority of Christ.

2018 ST. MARY'S PARISH GRAND ANNUAL UPDATE

"What return can I make to the Lord for all He has done for me?" Psalm 116

2018 Grand Annual goal to cover operating expenses:	\$150,000.00
Grand Annual parishioner support received to date:	- \$ <u>90,116.00</u>
Parishioner support still needed to reach 2018 Grand Annual goal:	\$ <u>59,884.00</u>
% of 2018 Grand Annual achieved to date:	<u>60 %</u>
% of St. Mary's families who have now made their Grand Annual gift:	<u>39 %</u>



As the Grand Annual continues, contributions may be placed either in the orange G.A. envelope you received in the mail, or in one of the extra G.A. envelopes available at the church entrances. G.A. envelopes may be placed in any Mass collection basket or mailed or dropped off at the rectory.

As explained in the November mailing to all parishioners, the \$150,000 goal will be applied to cover a number of parish operating expenses, including but not limited to: Interior Church Floor Replacement, Installation of New Pew Kneelers, Rectory Repairs, New Air-conditioning / Heating System for the Parish Library, Designated Improvements for our handicapped members to include exterior Church Lighting, and Salaries for St. Mary's dedicated and hardworking staff.

Your generous support will assure the financial health of our parish continues.

Thank you for your support of this most important annual collection!

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

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

SECOND COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND:
 Retired Women Religious \$4,875.00 – Thank you.

LAST SUNDAY'S PARISH OFFERTORY:

Mass Collections: \$ 10,791.00
 Automatic Giving: \$ 488.00
 Total Offertory: \$ 11,279.00

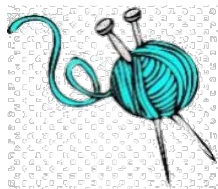
Last week's deficit: - 621.00

Thank you for your faithful stewardship.

PRAYERS AND MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday	November 24
5:00	Thomas Fleming, 22 nd Anv.
7:30	People of St. Mary's
Sunday	November 25
7:30	Peter Ramuno
9:30	Walter J. Ciampa, Sr.
11:30	Dr. James Boyd
Monday	November 26
9:00	Dante, Carmela & Crescenzo Camuso
Tuesday	November 27
9:00	Paul T. Shea
Wednesday	November 28
9:00	Bill Tobin
Thursday	November 29
9:00	Jack Evans
Friday	November 30
9:00	Agrippina Bender, 16 th Anv.
Saturday	December 1
9:00	Stephen Fogarty
5:00	Alfonso Barcinas
7:30	Melissa Bachman
Sunday	December 2
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Frank and Olga Proto
11:30	Emelia Bourque

WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS: *"We should not accept in silence the benefactions of God, but return thanks for them."* - St. Basil


SPIRITED HANDS CROCHET GROUP/ST. MARY'S WOMEN'S GROUP ~ NEXT SUNDAY:

On December 2, the members of the Crochet Group known now as "Spirited Hands" will be holding their annual sale of handmade crochet items in the Center Lobby after the 9:30 and 11:30 AM Masses. All of the items will be unique and well made. The Spirited Hands even prayed for the people who will be receiving their finished products. So these gifts will be precious! All proceeds go to help the needy.

DONUTS, JUICE AND COFFEE: The Welcoming Committee invites all parishioners and their families to stop into Father Haley Hall after the 9:30 Mass next Sunday, December 2, for donuts, juice and coffee! Members of the Parish Council will be there if you have any comments or issues regarding the Parish that you would like to share with them.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE: Through the month of November, traditionally referred to as the "Month of the Holy Souls" the Book of Remembrance will be in front of the Baptismal Font and Easter Candle. You are invited to write the names of your own departed loved ones in the book. Their intentions will then be included in all the Masses celebrated at St. Mary's during November. May God welcome them into the light and perfect peace of His presence.

NEWSLETTER COLLATING: Please join us this Tuesday, November 27 from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM in Father Haley Hall to assist in our collating of the December Newsletter. Enjoy visiting with your fellow parishioners while we put together this beautiful instrument of outreach. Welcome!

EPIC HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP: Thanks to all who came out to our meeting last week for the first ever St. Mary's Games! Chris DeMarkey and the Red Team pulled out a clutch victory against Henry Liro and the Blue Team. It is not too late to sign up for our December 8 (Feast of the Immaculate Conception) afternoon Christmas Party with Caroling at the Doolittle Nursing Home in Foxboro (check your email for info and forms for that trip). Our next monthly meeting is Sunday December 9 from 7:30 – 8:45 PM in Father Haley Hall. Please Contact Jake Thiringer at stmarysym1870@gmail.com with any questions.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP MEETING ~ NEXT SUNDAY: Our BINGO trip is scheduled for Monday, November 26, departing at 5:30 PM sharp and returning around 9:00 PM (eat an early supper at home before coming). Our next Meeting is Sunday, December 2 from 6:30 – 8 PM in the Parish Center. There will be faith, friendship, fun and signups for the December 14 Caroling, Pizza Party, Christmas Lights Trip, as well as for our Snow Tubing trip to Nashoba in January. Celtics payments are also due on December 2. Any and all 6th, 7th and 8th Graders are invited.

MUSIC	5:00 PM	9:30 AM	11:30 AM
Entrance	#734	#733	#733
Offertory	#649	-	-
Communion	#731	-	#353
Recessional	#727	#734	#734



FATIMA SHRINE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS DISPLAY: The Xaverian Missionaries will hold their traditional Christmas Lights Display from Saturday, December 1 to Thursday, December 27, from 5 to 9 PM. Hot chocolate and cookies are provided for visitors. All are most welcome!

FROM THE PASTOR: Please pray for the repose of Charles Crespi, husband of our D.R.E. Fran Crespi, who died this past Monday, Nov. 19, following a battle with kidney cancer. May God welcome Charles into the perfect peace which is His Presence, and uphold Fran and the Crespi Family with faith's consolation. Charles' Wake is today, Sunday, November 25 from 2 to 6 PM at Roache Pushard Funeral Home, 210 Sherman St., Canton, MA 02021. His Funeral Mass is Monday, November 26 at 10 AM at St. John's Church, 700 Washington St., Canton, MA.

On a personal note, I would like to thank everyone for their condolences, prayers, cards, food and even flowers following the death last Saturday, November 17, of Loki, my best buddy and constant companion for the last 16 years. Never was there a more devoted animal or faithful friend. St. Francis of Assisi once said that *"All things of creation are children of the Father and thus brothers of man."* I know that such a loving creature as Loki now has a place with our Heavenly Father, the God Who is love. Still, the rectory seems a very empty and silent place now, and your kindness has meant a lot. May God bless you for it.



ADVENT 2018 - PREPARING FOR HIS COMING!

SEASON OF ADVENT PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES: Join in our parish celebration of Evening Prayer on the three Tuesdays of Advent, December 4, 11 and 18 at 7:00 PM in the Church. Evening Prayer is one part of the Church's official daily prayer called the Liturgy of the Hours. It consists of psalms, prayers, readings and a little singing, and lasts about 20 minutes. If you are interested in a daily experience of prayer this Advent, Loyola Press is offering a daily retreat; sign up to receive a daily email at <https://bit.ly/2RQQZZo>, where you will also find a link for an Advent Calendar for adults.

"THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS" ~ AN ADVENT MINI-RETREAT, NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2: On Sunday, December 2 from 2:00 to 3:00 PM in the Church there will be an Advent Retreat with Eucharistic adoration. Deacon John Barry will give a reflection on the true meaning of preparing our hearts for the season of Advent. Refreshments will be served following the retreat.

"IMMACULATE CONCEPTION" ~ A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: Friday, December 7 Vigil Mass at 6:30 PM. Saturday, December 8 Feast Day Masses at 9 AM & 12 Noon. The Immaculate Conception is that sacred moment when Mary was conceived in her mother Anna's womb and specially protected by God from any touch of original sin. In this way, Mary became the new Eve, a new beginning for the human race and a pure vessel to receive the Son of God and bear Him into the world. This is the Patronal Feast of the United States of America, a nation consecrated to Mary under her title as the Immaculate Conception.



GIVE ~ A ~ GIFT, DECEMBER 8 & 9, (GIFT BAGS ONLY, PLEASE NO WRAPPING): Once again we ask the people of St. Mary's to help make Christmas truly a season of sharing. Give a gift to someone who has none. A teen to a teen, a child to a child, a toddler to a toddler. All items go to needy families in Boston, and are distributed through two inner city Catholic parishes. Please bring an article of new clothing and a new toy, unwrapped together in a plain bag or gift bag with a tag stating "Boy" or "Girl" and size or age up to age 18. No adult gifts please. Please place your gift in front of St. Mary's altar at any Mass the weekend of December 8 & 9. Please note that all items are driven into Boston early Sunday afternoon (December 9), so gifts dropped off late cannot be distributed. Thank you and God bless you! Please note: The "no wrapping" is requested by the receiving parishes as they otherwise have to tear the wrapping off to see which gifts are most appropriate for specific individuals.

COOKIE WALK, DECEMBER 8 & 9: After all Masses on December 8 and 9 long rows of tables will be set up in the Lower Church – tables loaded down with over 2,000 delicious homemade cookies baked by St. Mary's Middle School Youth Group members. For \$6 you may purchase an empty cookie bag, then "walk" down the rows of tables and select cookies which youths (wearing plastic gloves) will place in your bag. All proceeds will directly benefit the poor of Haiti.



LESSONS & CAROLS ~ SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 5-6 PM IN THE CHURCH: Join us for an evening of beautiful music and scripture, anticipating the wondrous birth of our Lord Jesus. This year's Lessons and Carols will feature the combined choirs and ensembles of St. Mary's Church, as well as nationally-renowned organist Brandon Santini, who will also offer a 30-minute organ concert at 4:30 PM. The program will include familiar carols as well as choral music by Rutter, Handel, Pearsall, Brahms, and others. Bring your family, and don't miss this opportunity to fill your Christmas preparations with plenty of holiday cheer!

CLOW- CHILDREN K-6: Today, Sunday, Nov. 25, 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 assist the adult leaders.

WEEK'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

DAY	GRADE	GRADE
Sun., Nov. 25	NO CLASSES	
Mon., Nov. 26	GR-2 at 4:30pm	GR-4 at 3:00 PM
	GR-8 at 6:00 PM	
Tues., Nov. 27	GR-2 at 4:30 PM	GR-5 at 4:00 PM
	GR-6 at 4:00 PM	GR-9 at 6:30 PM
Wed., Nov. 28	GR-2 at 4:30 PM	GR-7 at 6:00 PM
	GR-8 at 6:00 PM	
Thur., Nov. 29	GR-9 at 6:30 PM	
Sun., Dec. 02	Pre-K at 9:15 AM	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 12:45 PM



The children of St. Mary's are counting on YOU!
Contact: us at 429-6076 or by
St.marysrel870@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS NATIVITY REHEARSALS: All the children participating in the Nativity are to attend the rehearsals. Saturday, December 8 is a Holy Day of obligation and the Mass is at 9:00 AM. Please check with Debra Frey for the complete rehearsal schedule at: specialinnkeeper1224@gmail.com

GRADE 2 PENANCE REVIEW SESSIONS: Grade 2 children will meet this coming week Monday, Nov. 26, Tues., Nov. 27 and Wed., Nov. 28 at 4:30 PM in the church to review how to go to Confession. Teachers are required to attend. If any child missed the Inscription Mass in October there will be a mini-inscription at 3:45 PM at each review session. At least one parent must attend the mini-inscription with his/her child. Parents are to pick up their children at 5:30 PM in the church.

GRADE 2 FIRST PENANCE: On Friday, November 30 at 4:15 and 6:30 PM; and Saturday, December 1 at 10:30 AM, the Grade 2 children will have their First Penance. We must have a copy of your child's Baptism Certificate on file before First Penance if your child was not baptized at St. Mary's Parish.

GRADE 9 - CONFIRMATION I: Grade 9 meets on Tuesday, November 27 and Thursday, November 29 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, November 27 from 10AM-Noon in Room 3 – 4. All are welcome.

NORFOLK PRISON MINISTRY: Don't forget to bring in your bars of soap donations. Please no liquid soap, lotions or travel soap. Donations will be collected the first week of December. *Thank you for your help!*

GRADE 4 CHRISTMAS HAPPENING GENERAL

SESSION: On Tuesday, **December 11** all Sunday and weekday children in Grade 4 are to attend the General Session and enjoy the wonder of making Christmas ornaments and gifts for the needy children in the parish community. Over fifty gift bags will be assembled by the Grade 4 children while they enjoy special homemade treats brought in by parents. They will listen to the wonderful Christmas story we all know so well, the birth of our Savior in Bethlehem. The Happening begins at 3:00 PM and ends at 4:30 PM. The children will report directly to Fr. Haley Hall.

ADVENT WREATHS AND CANDLES AVAILABLE:

On Sunday, December 2, we enter into the Church's Liturgical Season of Advent. One of the symbols used in the Church today is the Advent wreath. Many families gather around their Advent wreaths before their evening meal to light the candles and pray together. We have Advent wreaths with the brass candle holder available for \$15.00 each and a set of Advent candles for \$6.00. These will be available on **Sunday, December 2** following the Masses.

ADVENT MINI-RETREAT: On Sunday, December 2 from 2:00 to 3:00 PM in the church there will be an Advent Retreat with Eucharistic adoration. Deacon John Barry will give a reflection on the true meaning of preparing our hearts for the season of Advent. Refreshments will be served following the retreat.

SPECIAL NEEDS: Tuesday, December 4 from 6:30 to 7:30 PM in the Library.