



# 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.

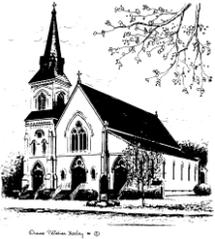
Please join in!

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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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January 20, 2019  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

A dramatic change greets us as we enter the church building this weekend. Gone are the evergreens, poinsettias, and lights of the Christmas Season. In their place is the simplicity of Ordinary Time. The term "ordinary" comes from the word "ordinal," meaning "counted". Ordinary Time then, means "counted time," not time that is common or mundane. The count began anew this past Sunday with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, and will continue uninterrupted until Ash Wednesday, March 6. We might think of it as a countdown to salvation, and the day we stand face to face with God. May we make the best and most generous use of the limited time each of us possesses in this passing life as we prepare for the eternal life to come.

The green color worn during these days of Ordinary Time has traditionally been associated with new life and growth. In Hebrew, for instance, the same word for the color "green" also means "young." Some may remember the beautiful prayer with which the priest and people used to begin every Mass: "Introibo ad altare Dei. Ad deum qui laetificat juventutem meam." "I will go in to the altar of God. To God Who gives joy to my youth." By His Birth, Life, Death and Resurrection, Christ has remade and revitalized the whole world, making us all young in our hope for eternal life in Him.

God delights in us! What a wonderful reminder Isaiah offers in our first reading – that God delights in us even as a new groom delights in his bride. We are not a burden to God, we are not a tedious task for God, we are a delight for God, whose joy is to unite our lives with His own. Even as a man and a woman promise in marriage to be true to one another "in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health," so does God promise to be faithful to us in all the stages and circumstances of our lives.

It is no accident that Jesus chose to perform His very first miracle, the changing of water to wine, at a wedding celebration. Because marriage represents the love and joy with which God embraces those who give themselves to Him, and the totality of His commitment to us. To be wedded to God is to have the watery emptiness of fear and doubt transformed into the rich wine of faith. As in any marriage, we may be solicitous and faithful to God in varying degrees. But God is the true and perfect Spouse who always forgives, always welcomes us back, and never fails in the promises He has made to us. The more we come to imitate God in our relationships with each other, the more we will share in His delight. When we find ourselves delighting in God, filled with joy at the realization of His love for us, then we know that our faith is approaching its perfection.

May God bless you!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark J. Coiro". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Rev. Mark J. Coiro  
Pastor

P.S. In honor of Martin Luther King, the American flag has been placed in our sanctuary this weekend and the closing Mass hymn is the Battle Hymn of the Republic. This song was first associated with efforts to end slavery and then with the Civil Rights movement. Recent months have revealed the deep divide that still exists between the races in our country, and the need to educate ourselves and the next generation as to the equality and dignity of all human persons before God. This includes the innocent unborn, for whom the whole Church will pray this coming Tuesday. In the end, peace will only come when all human life is recognized and revered as a precious and inviolate gift.



*Monday, January 21, 2019 – 7:00 PM; Deacon John Barry Presiding*

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# St. Mary's Annual Holy Hour *for* Life



A *Holy Hour for Life* with Adoration, Music & Benediction will be held on Monday, January 21 at 7:00 PM in the church. This Holy Hour, held at parishes throughout the Archdiocese in observance of the National Day of Prayer and Penance, is in support of those attending the annual March for Life pilgrimage to Washington, D.C. We will pray also for anyone affected by life's tragedies, including those who have been wounded by abortion, euthanasia, or suicide. We will pray also for a greater awareness and respect for the dignity of *all* human life – from the moment of conception to natural death, and that those who govern us may be guided by justice, truth, and a love for the gift of life. The *Holy Hour for Life* is organized by the Boston Deacons for Life in collaboration with the Pro-Life Office of the Archdiocese of Boston.

*Please join us, all are welcome!*

# HAPPY MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY!



As is our custom at St. Mary's, the closing patriotic hymn at our Masses with music this Martin Luther King Weekend is the "Battle Hymn of the Republic." Here is some interesting history about the hymn.

In the early days of the War, the song "John Brown's Body" was wildly popular. Although in its original incarnation it had nothing to do with the notorious abolitionist leader hanged at Harpers's Ferry on December 2, 1859, it became inextricably identified with him and acquired new verses that were sung by Federal troops and Union sympathizers alike. The tune was borrowed from an old Methodist hymn, "Say, Brothers, Will You Meet Us?" by William Steffe.

In November of 1861, Julia Ward Howe (photo above), was touring Union army camps in the vicinity of Washington, D.C., with her husband, Dr. Samuel Gridley Howe, a member of President Lincoln's Military Sanitary Commission and an avid abolitionist. With them was Reverend James Freeman Clarke. During the course of their visit, the soldiers began to sing the currently popular war song "John Brown's Body."

Hearing this, Reverend Clarke was moved to suggest that Mrs. Howe pen new, more uplifting lyrics to the familiar tune. She replied that she had often thought of doing exactly that. The following morning, as Mrs. Howe later described it, she "awoke...in the gray of the early dawn, and to my astonishment found that the wished-for lines were arranging themselves in my brain. I lay quite still until the last verse had completed itself in my thoughts, then hastily arose, saying to myself, 'I shall lose this if I don't write it down immediately.'"

Mrs. Howe's lyrics first appeared as a poem on the front page of the Atlantic Monthly in February of 1862. Editor James Fields, who paid her \$5 for the piece, is credited with having given the song the name by which it is known today. The poem has become perhaps the best-known Civil War song of the Union Army, and has come to be a well-loved American patriotic anthem. It also came to be associated with the Civil Rights movement.

Here is "Battle Hymn of the Republic" as written originally by Julia Ward Howe:

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord:  
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;  
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword:  
His truth is marching on.

I have seen Him in the watch-fires of a hundred circling camps,  
They have builded Him an altar in the evening dews and damps;  
I can read His righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps:  
His day is marching on.

I have read a fiery gospel writ in burnished rows of steel:  
"As ye deal with my condemners, so with you my grace shall deal;  
Let the Hero, born of woman, crush the serpent with his heel,  
Since God is marching on."

He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;  
He is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgment-seat:  
Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer Him! be jubilant, my feet!  
Our God is marching on.

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,  
With a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me:  
As he died to make men holy, let us die to make men free,  
While God is marching on.

**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, Director of Music  
 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	#546	#89	#89
Offertory	#643	-	-
Communion	#583	#321	-
Recessional	#577	#577	#577



**9 AM DAILY MASS SNOW CANCELLATION POLICY**

**REMINDER:** For the protection of our parishioners, if there is no school in Holliston, we do not celebrate the 9 AM Mass at St. Mary's. Stay home, be safe!

**NEWSLETTER COLLATING ~ THIS FRIDAY:**

Please join us on Friday, January 25 from 9:30 AM to 1 PM in Father Haley Hall. Enjoy visiting with your fellow parishioners while we put together this beautiful instrument of outreach. Welcome!

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY – SUPPORT OF THE CHURCH AROUND THE WORLD:**

Next week's second collection will support the Church in those underdeveloped areas of the world. Catholic Relief Services (CRS), the Church in Latin America (CLA), the Church in Africa and in Central and Eastern Europe and three important National Catholic missions: the Military Archdiocese, Home Missions, and the Black and Indian Missions. Your generosity will help fund the spiritual, educational and humanitarian needs of the Church around the world.

**LAST SUNDAY'S PARISH OFFERTORY:**

Mass Collections: \$ 11,152.00  
 Automatic Giving: \$ 1,553.00  
 Total Offertory: \$ 12,705.00

Thank you for your faithful support of your parish!

**PRAYERS AND MASS INTENTIONS:**

**Saturday January 19**  
 5:00 Deceased Members of the Cochiarella & Carey Families  
 7:30 Susan Jones, 1<sup>st</sup> Anv.  
**Sunday January 20**  
 7:30 Genevieve Calapa  
 9:30 People of St. Mary's  
 11:30 Margaret Reddy, 11<sup>th</sup> Anv.  
**Monday January 21**  
 9:00 Peace & Racial Harmony in the World  
**Tuesday January 22 ~ Day of Prayer & Fasting for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children and of Penance for Acts Against Them.**  
**Wednesday January 23**  
 9:00 George W. Gabriel, III  
**Thursday January 24**  
 9:00 Charlotte Fortin, 6<sup>th</sup> Anv.  
**Friday January 25**  
 9:00 Holy Souls in Purgatory  
**Saturday January 26**  
 9:00 Msgr. Robert Giggi  
 5:00 Pamela Mulcahy, 4<sup>th</sup> Anv.  
 7:30 John O'Callahan  
**Sunday January 27**  
 7:30 People of St. Mary's  
 9:30 Helen Shannahan  
 11:30 Carol Howland, 16<sup>th</sup> Anv.

**THE ROSE FOR LIFE:** Is sponsored this week by Marie Romanus. Please join her in prayer for an unborn child. If you wish to sponsor the Rose in 2019 please call the Rectory at 429-4427.



**BOY SCOUT SUNDAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST:**

Come Join Boy Scout Troop #14 for our Annual Pancake Breakfast Sunday, February 3, from 8:00 AM - 12:00 noon in Father Haley Hall serving unlimited pancakes and sausages with hot coffee and orange juice. The cost is \$5.00 per person (\$20max/family), and scouts in uniform eat free! This is one of two annual fundraising events for the troop, with proceeds going to support camping activities, badge and rank advancements, and community service projects. Troop 14 Scouts ages 11-17 meet Monday evenings from 7:00-8:30 PM in the Lower Church Hall, along with several leaders. Any boy wishing to join the troop is asked to call Charlie Parodie at (508) 429-5932, or stop in the Lower Church on a Monday!

**GREAT DJ,  
MUSIC, LIGHTS,  
TROPICAL  
ATMOSPHERE,  
FROZEN DRINKS,  
LIMBO CONTEST,  
BEST BEACH  
OUTFIT CONTEST,  
& TOTAL FUN  
IN THE SUN!**

# HAWAIIAN LUAU!

## MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE

**DATE: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2019**

**TIME** 7 PM – 10 PM

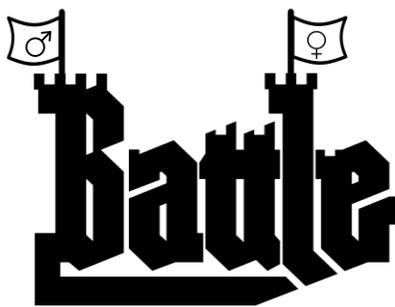
**PLACE** St. Mary's Parish Center  
708 Washington St., Holliston.

**COST** \$8 at the door.  
*Drinks & snacks will  
also be on sale separately.*

**WHO** Any and all 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, or 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Middle School Students are invited to attend. The dance is sponsored by St. Mary's Youth Ministry, but is open to all Middle School Students from anywhere. Invite a friend!

*For safety, you must remain in the building until a parent walks inside to pick you up. Not a school sponsored event.*





**MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP:** Our next Meeting is **NEXT** Sunday, January 27 from 6:30 – 8:30 PM, a half hour longer because of the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Battle of the Sexes. There will be faith, friendship, fun, and signups for the February Blue Man Group Trip! Also, see details for our awesome February 3 LUAU Dance on the previous page. All 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Graders are welcome!

**ST. MARY'S EPIC:** Thanks for all who came to our January meeting last week. Teens or Chaperones who are interested in the 2019 Mission Trip with Catholic Heart Work Camp, to Gainesville, Florida July 14-20 should contact Jake. On January 27 the Mission Trip application window opens – first come first served – after 9:30 AM Mass – includes the first payment of \$500. Also save the date for January 23 – where staff from Catholic Heart Workcamp will be doing a presentation on the mission trip at 7:00 PM in the Lower Church Hall. Please email our youth minister Jake Thiringer with questions at [stmarysym1870@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysym1870@gmail.com).

**WINGS (Women in God's Spirit):** Please join us, **Wednesday, January 23** when WINGS begins its Winter Program: *Study & Sharing on Scripture*. Our first week we will welcome speakers Sandy and Mitch Liro, Denver Scripture Course Graduates, St. Mary's Parishioners. This winter we will hear inspiring talks on the upcoming Sunday Mass scripture readings. We will learn new methods to read and meditate upon scripture. Please join us for our winter program, whether you can attend each week or just some weeks. WINGS meets on **Wednesday** mornings from 9:45 – 11:15 AM in Father Haley Hall. Nurturing childcare is available. For information call Linda at 508-893-7919.

**POWR:** The goal of the POWR Program is to strengthen the ability of local churches to recruit and utilize volunteers to mentor and provide other needed supports to newly arrived refugees. The program relies on volunteer-led efforts to meet a range of resettlement needs such as housing, transportation, English language learning, acculturation, etc. The POWR Program provides a unique opportunity to support newly-arrived refugees as they adjust to their new lives in Massachusetts. St. Mary's is looking for individuals who would like to deepen their faith in a dynamic and life changing way by helping to start a POWR at St. Mary's. Please contact Regina Savage at (508) 893-6953 or email [reginalsavage@hotmail.com](mailto:reginalsavage@hotmail.com).

**TAX STATEMENTS:** Tax statements for fiscal year 2018 are currently being prepared and will be mailed out in the coming weeks. If you have any questions regarding your statement please call the rectory at 429-4427. St. Mary's is grateful to both those who faithfully use Our Sunday Visitor envelopes and those who use direct banking. If using envelopes, please remember to write the enclosed amount on the outside. If this is done, the money counters only have to verify the contents. If it is not done, then they also have to write the amount for you, which adds substantially to the time needed to count the collection for deposit. Thank you for helping our volunteers!

**2019 CORI RENEWAL ALERT:** All active volunteers (17 years and older) must complete a 2019 CORI. Forms are being sent out to all volunteers via Constant Contact as an attachment. If you have access to a printer, you may fill them in at home and come to the Religious Education Office for verification and signature. You will need to show a photo ID and place your driver's license number on the form. Bring your completed CORI form to the RE office or to a Staff member. CORI forms are available on the table outside the Religious Education Office.

**ST. MARY'S WINTER ADULT SERIES:** Explore the Fourth Gospel with one of Catholicism's leading biblical scholars. From the time of its first appearance, the Gospel of John has gripped the imagination and the hearts of Christians. Composed towards the latter part of the first century, the so-called "Spiritual Gospel" presents a compelling and distinctive portrait of Jesus and His mission. Join Rev. Donald Senior, one of the world's top biblical scholars, as your personal teacher and explore the remarkable philosophical and theological understanding John kindled. Inspiring and beautifully written, the Gospel of John will move you to encounter the Word of God anew. John the Evangelist paints a powerful portrait of Jesus Christ. Distinctive from the synoptic gospels in both style and substance, John reflects a unique type of Jewish literature and contains perhaps the most developed theology in the New Testament. As you move through its powerful Christological themes, you will truly see Jesus as the incarnate Word of God. It expresses, in powerful words and symbols, the heart of Christian faith: that in Jesus the eternal Word of God has become incarnate. In contemplating the person of Jesus, the Risen Christ, the disciple encounters the human face of God. Encounter the Word of God in the Gospel of John today. The Program begins on Monday, February 4, in the Parish Library and continues for 8 weeks. For more information contact Earl King at 429-6551 or email [lorraine.king2@verizon.net](mailto:lorraine.king2@verizon.net).



**CLOW- CHILDREN K-6: CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

**OF THE WORD:** Today, Sunday, January 20, 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., Jan. 20	NO CLASSES	
Mon., Jan. 21	NO CLASSES	
Tues., Jan. 22	GR-5 at 4:00 PM	GR-6 at 4:00 PM
	GR-10 at 6:30 PM	
Wed., Jan. 23	GR-2 at 4:15 PM	GR-7 at 6:00 PM
Thur., Jan. 24	GR-10 at 6:30 PM	
Sun., Jan. 27	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

**TEACHER / COORDINATOR MEETING:** If any teacher was unable to attend the scheduled meeting on Monday, January 14, please contact your Grade Coordinator for the lesson plans that will be covered until May.

**GR-2 PARENT MEETING:** Parents with Grade 2 children will meet in Fr. Haley Hall on Sunday, Jan. 27 for one of two meetings at 8:10 AM or 10:45 AM while their children attend classes. Coffee, tea and breakfast refreshments will be served. Another meeting is offered on Monday, Jan. 28 at 7:00 PM in Fr. Haley Hall.

**GRADE 5 SPONSORED HEALING MASS IS ON-SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10 at 11:30 AM:** The Grade 5 children will participate in the Scripture readings, greeting parishioners and witnessing the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick at the close of the Mass as part of their curriculum. Please take note of their posters on the entrance doors of the parish center. St. Mary's has wheelchair access by using the elevator located on the Elm Street parking lot.

**GRADE 5 CHRISTIAN SEXUALITY WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS:** For parents who were unable to attend the workshop on Thursday, January 17, there will be two workshops offered on Thursday, February 7 at 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM in Room 3 – 4 of the center. Parents must view and sign a "Permission" form or a "Previously Previewed" for their child to attend the Saturday, March 23 student workshop. The parent workshop is less than one hour.

**GRADE 10 – CONFIRMATION II:** Grade 10 classes will meet this week on Tuesday, January 22 and Thursday, January 24 in Fr. Haley Hal from 6:30 to 8:30 PM.

**WINTER ADULT FORMATION PROGRAM:** Journey along with Bishop Barron as he explores the life of St. Augustine and "The City of God" this Tuesday, January 22 from 10:00 AM to Noon. All are welcome.

**FORMED ~ PICK OF THE WEEK: Journey into Truth.** Feminism Misunderstood By Jane Brennan. Jane Brennan shares her powerful story of abortion and her final conversion to the Catholic Church. Men and women alike will be moved as they listen to the reconciliation, healing, and hope Jane found in Christ and his Church. *"Jane's story is a powerful and compelling testament to how Christ can take anyone out of despair and move them to a place of dignity and hope."* —Carol L., Lemmon, SD

**GRADE 2 FIRST COMMUNION MASSES 2019:**

Letters to families to select their child's First Communion Mass have been sent out. Please return your Mass selection cards by Friday, February 15.

**PROTECTING GODS CHILDREN (PGC)**

**WORKSHOP:** New volunteers 18 years of age and older serving in any capacity must complete a **2019 CORI**, have a signed **Code of Conduct** and complete a **PGC Workshop**. Please check the RCAB website for PGC scheduled in nearby parishes.

**2019 CORI RENEWAL ALERT FOR ALL**

**VOLUNTEER MINISTRIES:** Ministry Leaders are to make sure that **all** their active volunteers (18 years and older) renew and complete a 2019 CORI. These forms must be completed each year. Forms are being sent out to all known volunteers via Constant Contact as an attachment as soon as we have the form from the archdiocese. If you have access to a printer, you can print out the CORI form, complete both sides, sign it, scan it in along with a copy of your license and send it back via Email it to: [st.marysre1870@gmail.com](mailto:st.marysre1870@gmail.com). You may also stop by the R.E. office and complete the form and present a photo ID such as your license or passport.

**GRADE 6 SAFETY SESSION:** Our Grade 6 Safety session will be held on Wednesday, January 30 at 2:30 PM for all Grade 6 students. Mrs. Catherine Mitchell will present the safety curriculum to the students. Parents wishing to opt-out their child may request an opt-out form by calling the R.E. Office and returning it signed.

**SPECIAL NEEDS:** Tuesday, February 5 from 6:30 to 7:30 PM in the Library.