



WORLD DAY OF THE SICK: Monday, Feb. 11, the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, is the World Day of the Sick. On this occasion we are encouraged to remember in our prayers all persons who are seriously ill. At the 11:30 AM Mass on Feb. 10, helped by our 5th Graders, St. Mary's will offer the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Anyone diagnosed with a serious illness is invited to receive this holy sacrament as a source of hope, strength, healing, and also the remission of sin. James 5:13

SAINT BLAISE AND THE BLESSING OF THROATS:

Sickness and suffering are mysteries that confront most Christians at some time in their lives. Believers cherish the stories of Jesus' tender concern for the poor and sick who sought to find relief and meaning in their struggles. The flesh-and-blood example of a long line of Christian witnesses whose faith sustained them in time of trial offers us hope when shadows darken our lives. Saint Blaise was such a person.

St. Blaise (also spelled Blase and Blasius) was a 3rd century physician who became Bishop of Sebaste, Armenia. On one occasion he cured a boy who was choking to death on a fish bone. This was the time of persecution under Licinius, and soon St. Blaise was forced to hide out in a cave on Mt. Argeus. Deprived of human patients, he began tending the wild animals of the surrounding forest. These animals sensed St. Blaise's holiness and would come to him with their injuries. St. Blaise was eventually captured and imprisoned; receiving a gift of candles from the mother of the boy he had saved from choking, with which to light his dark cell. He was beaten, had his flesh torn by wool combs, and was beheaded, martyred along with seven women. Because of the cure of the boy's throat when the boy was choking, St. Blaise is patron against troubles of the throat. St. Blaise is also the patron of veterinarians and against attacks of wild animals. He is represented in art as a Bishop holding a candle, with wool combs, or in a cave surrounded by wild animals. A framed image of St. Blaise with both candle and wool comb (bottom right corner) has been placed in the sanctuary for this weekend.

On or near February 3, the Feast of Saint Blaise, the Church continues its ministry to the sick with the blessing of throats. This blessing invokes God's healing and protection. Two blessed candles, joined in the form of a cross, are placed around the throat of each person seeking a blessing. The minister then prays, "Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness; In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." The blessing will be offered after all Masses this weekend. Humbled by physical weakness, we acknowledge our faith in God's protective love for all who call upon His name.



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

8 Church St., Holliston, MA 01746

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Religious Education Phone: (508) 429 - 6076

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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.

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	#315	#473	#473
Offertory	#437	-	-
Communion	#378	#327	#333
Recessional	#473	#377	#377

2019 CORI RENEWAL ALERT: All active volunteers (18 years and older) must complete a 2018 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.

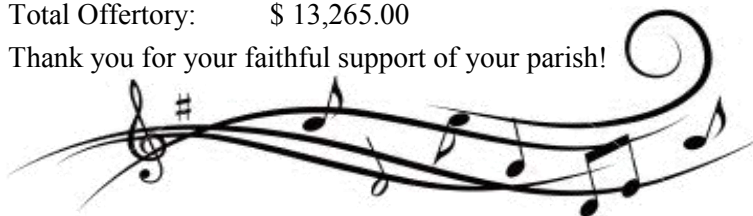
THE ROSE FOR LIFE: Is sponsored this week by Jack and Joanne Martinelli. Please join them in prayer for an unborn child. If you wish to sponsor the Rose in 2019 please call the Rectory at 429-4427.

SECOND COLLECTION LAST SUNDAY: Support of the Church around the World ~ \$4,070.00. Thank you.

LAST SUNDAY'S PARISH OFFERTORY:

Mass Collections: \$ 11,040.00
 Automatic Giving: \$ 2,225.00
 Total Offertory: \$ 13,265.00

Thank you for your faithful support of your parish!



PRAYERS AND MASS INTENTIONS:

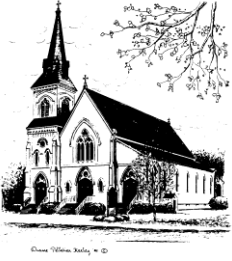
Saturday February 2
 5:00 Joan Mullen
 7:30 Nicholas Rossini
Sunday February 3
 7:30 People of St. Mary's
 9:30 Boy Scout Sunday
 11:30 John Gatti, 4th Anv.
Monday February 4
 9:00 Vilio DiCenso
Tuesday February 5
 9:00 Ann McKinstry
Wednesday February 6
 9:00 Meghan & Landon Clement - Living
Thursday February 7
 9:00 Charles Crespi
Friday February 8
 9:00 Walter "D" Robbins
Saturday February 9
 9:00 Holy Souls
 5:00 Norman J. Gallagher
 7:30 Robert Fortin, 4th Anv.
Sunday February 10
 7:30 People of St. Mary's
 9:30 Lawrence J. Furey
 11:30 Grade 5 Healing Mass



BOY SCOUT SUNDAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST ~
TODAY: Come Join Boy Scout Troop #14 for our Annual Pancake Breakfast today, 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. Any boy wishing to join the troop is asked to call Charlie Paradie at (508) 429-5932, or stop in the Lower Church on a Monday!

VESPER SERVICE: Join our talented Youth Choir for Solemn Sung Vespers on Wednesday, February 6 at 7:00 PM. This 30 minute meditative service, which is also known as Evening Prayer, is part of the Liturgy of the Hours, and it aims to give thanks to God before the end of the day through the singing of psalms, intercessions, and prayers. Come experience the beauty of sung prayer!



Saint Mary's Parish

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

February 3, 2019
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

As we prepare for our annual Mass with Anointing of the Sick next Sunday at 11:30 AM, I want to share with you two experiences that brought home to me the terrible misunderstanding that persists concerning this beautiful sacrament. The first was a late night emergency call I received from a family in another town whose loved one was dying at home. They had been unable to reach their own priest despite two days of trying, and were frantic to have her Anointed before her death, which was imminent. The second experience was also an emergency call, this one to Framingham Union Hospital. Again, a woman was dying, her passing was imminent, and the family wanted her Anointed. In this case, it took me a long time getting there as it was rush hour traffic time, the Framingham Center rail crossing stopped me not once but twice (trains going each way), and then someone had parked in the chaplain parking space and I had great difficulty finding a spot.

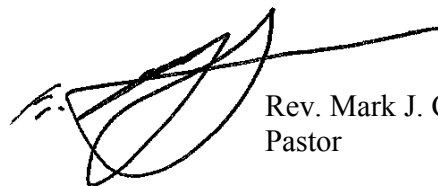
Happily, in both cases I made it there in time to perform the Anointing of the Sick – something that cannot be done after death. Unhappily in both cases, I learned that the persons I had been called to Anoint had been seriously ill for more than a year – a whole year during which they could have and should have received the Anointing of the Sick, but had not. It seemed that both families were under the misconception that the Anointing of the Sick was a sacrament to be delivered only at the last gasp of breath, when indeed it should be requested the very day that someone is diagnosed with a serious illness.

A big part of this misconception comes I suspect from the unfortunate referral to this sacrament by many as the “Last Rites” – a phrase the Church carefully avoids today. While it is true that the Anointing of the Sick may well be the “last” sacrament someone receives, it is intended first and foremost for the sick. It is meant as a powerful prayer for healing and strength in the face of grave illness; a way to feel closer to God and to receive His grace in time of need.

Just as we would never withhold a powerful medicine from a patient until they are close to death, neither should the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick be withheld until one is not just sick but dying. The sacrament is a source of spiritual comfort and often physical healing, which is why it should be requested at the very start of a serious illness – not reserved for cases where that illness is ending in death.

With the steadily declining number of priests, it is more important than ever that the sacrament be requested at the proper time. While we make every effort, the chances grow less and less that you will be able to reach a priest who can get to a loved one's bedside just as they are about to die. I would not want any of our people to experience the panic that family from another town did recently when they could not reach their own priest in time. I would not want someone to come close to missing the sacrament because the priest was caught in traffic, having been called at the last minute. I would not want ever again to meet a family to plan out a funeral, only to learn that their loved one, who passed after a long illness, faced that illness or even died without the help and comfort of the Anointing of the Sick.

In Christ's Service and Yours,



Rev. Mark J. Coiro
Pastor



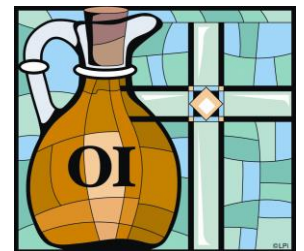
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CHURCH LEFT OPEN TO THE BITTER COLD 2 OUT OF THE LAST 3 WEEKENDS: On Saturday, January 12, following the 5 PM Mass, everyone left with the front doors of the church wide open. They remained open to the freezing weather for roughly 30 minutes until discovered at 6:30 PM. Last weekend, on Saturday, January 26, following the 7:30 PM Mass, everyone left with the front doors of the church wide open. Mass ended at 8:15 PM and the church was left open to the freezing weather until 9 PM when a parishioner returned to retrieve a lost hat and noticed it. *** If you latch open one of our church doors, then please stay to close it. If you are one of the last people walking out a latched open church door, please close it! The pastor always checks the doors after his Masses, but if it is a visiting priest please be watchful and help keep God's House warm and our heating bills down. Thank you!**

WINGS (*Women in God's Spirit*): Please join us on Wednesday, February 6 from 9:30 - 11:30 AM for the third session in our Winter season. Mrs. Fran Crespi, St. Mary's Director of Religious Education, will be offering a reflection on the upcoming Sunday Mass scripture readings. All women are welcome whether they can just drop in once or attend each week. Nurturing childcare is provided for those with young children. For additional information about the WINGS ministry, please call Linda Calabrese at (508) 893-7919.

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WELCOME CRISPIN! The week before last Fr. Mark and a parishioner flew to California to pick up Crispin, St. Mary's new Parish Pooch. Like his predecessor Loki, Crispin is a Standard Manchester Terrier. Originally called the English Black and Tan Terrier, this rare breed is the oldest recognized type of Terrier. Crispin was born on November 14, 2018 outside of Sacramento. He is named for St. Crispin's Day – commemorating the English victory at the Battle of Agincourt. On October 25, 1415 (the Feast of St. Crispin), King Henry V led a small English army to victory against a French army that outnumbered them five to one. The English victory at Agincourt was immortalized by Shakespeare in his play, King Henry V, as the King exhorts his men to battle: *"This day is called the feast of Crispin. He that outlives this day, and comes safe home, will stand a tip-toe when this day is named and rouse him at the name of Crispin. He that shall live this day, and see old age, will yearly on the vigil feast his neighbors, and say 'To-morrow is Saint Crispin.' Then will he strip his sleeve and show his scars and say, 'These wounds I had on Crispin's day.'"* The Manchester Terrier is an English breed, small but very tough and fearless of bigger animals. Thus our pup's name – Crispin.

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. 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.

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. 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. In contemplating the person of Jesus, the Risen Christ, the disciple encounters the human face of God. The Program begins this 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.

WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS: *"To believe in Jesus is to accept what he says, even when it runs contrary to what others are saying. It means rejecting the lure of sin, however attractive it may be, in order to set out on the difficult path of the Gospel virtues. Christ alone is the cornerstone on which it is possible solidly to build one's existence. Only Christ – known, contemplated and loved – is the faithful friend who never lets us down, who becomes our travelling companion, and whose words warm our hearts. The future is in your hearts and in your hands. God is entrusting to you the task, at once difficult and uplifting, of working with him in the building of the civilization of love. Dear young people, let yourselves be taken over by the light of Christ, and spread that light wherever you are. The world you are inheriting is a world which desperately needs a new sense of brotherhood and human solidarity. It is a world which needs to be touched and healed by the beauty and richness of God's love."* - Pope Saint John Paul II, World Youth Day 2002



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!

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP: Our next trip is on Tuesday, February 19 to Blue Man Group. Our February Meeting is Sunday, February 24 from **6:30 – 8:00 PM**. There will be a presentation on this summer's Whitewater Rafting Trips, including a video and pre-sign ups to assure your spot! Also there will be sign-ups for hosting the St. Paul's Boys Choir on Friday, March 8, the Monday, March 18, 8th Grade BINGO service trip to St. Patrick Manor, and for the March 22 Late Night Cosmic Bowling Trip! All 6th, 7th and 8th Graders are welcome. Bring a friend!



ST. MARY'S EPIC: A few spots are still available for the Summer Mission Trip to Gainesville, Florida July 14-20. Paperwork is available in the Religious Education Office. Please email our youth minister Jake Thiringer with questions at stmarysym1870@gmail.com. There is an EPIC Meeting next week, Sunday, February 10 from 7:30 – 8:45 PM in Father Haley Hall. All High Schoolers are welcome to take part!

CLOW- CHILDREN K-6: CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: Today, Sunday, February 3, the children will remain in the church with Fr. Mark and learn what Jesus teaches us in the Gospel reading

WEEK'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

DAY	GRADE	GRADE
Sun., Feb 03	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	
Mon., Feb 04	GR-3 at 3:00 PM	GR-5 at 3:00 PM
	GR-6 at 2:30 PM	
Tues., Feb 05	GR-5 at 4:00 PM	GR-6 at 4:00 PM
	GR-10 at 6:30 PM	
Wed., Feb 06	GR-2 at 4:15 PM	GR-7 at 6:00 PM
Thur., Feb 07	GR-10 at 6:30 PM	
Sun., Feb 10	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

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. .

PARENT / TEACHER ROSARY KIT MAKING PROJECT: Parents and teachers are asked to help make Rosary kits for the Grade 3 children on Saturday, February 9 from 10 to 11 AM in Room 3 – 4. This is a hands on activity requiring lots of patience and good conversation. The children will complete the kits at their general session on Monday, March 4.

GRADE 1 BAPTISM CLASS IS SUNDAY, MARCH 24: Parents are to bring their first grade children to the church by 1:45 PM to check in with their teachers and witness Deacon John Barry baptize baby girl Kennedy Grace Dennison. Parents will pick up their children in the church at 2:45 PM.

GRADE 10 – CONFIRMATION II: Grade 10 classes will meet this week on Tuesday, February 5 and Thursday, February 7 in Fr. Haley Hall from 6:30 to 8:30 PM.

GRADES 9 - 10 STUDENT VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED: Our GR-2 program will need volunteers to help with the **Grade 2 Family Retreat** on Sat., April 6 from 12:00 Noon to 4:30 PM and to volunteer for the **First Communion Masses** on Saturday, May 11 and May 18. Please contact us at 508-429-6076 or send an email to: st.marysre1870@gmail.com.

WINTER ADULT FORMATION PROGRAM: Journey along with Bishop Barron as he explores the life of St. Benedict, the Monk. At one of the most crucial moments in history, Benedict preserved a form of life that would even shape the civilization of the world. Session 1 on St. Benedict begins on Tuesday, February 5 at 10:00 AM in Room 3 – 4. All are welcome.

FORMED ~ PICK OF THE WEEK: The Jeweler's Shop. See true love lived out in marriage based on Pope John Paul II's best-selling book. This film tells of the struggles and triumphs in the marriages of three couples and provides insight into the sacrament and the meaning of love. *"This is an amazing gift to have a Hollywood quality film using the script and story written by Pope Saint John Paul the Great!" – Thomas C.*

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**. For training classes scheduled in nearby parishes, please visit www.virtusonline.org, select "First-Time Registrant" button and follow prompts.

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. You may also stop by the R.E. office and complete the form and present a photo ID such as your license or passport.

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