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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	#549	#124	#124
Offertory	#494	-	-
Communion	#503	#368,364	#323
Recessional	TM #124	#387	-

CATHOLIC APPEAL: Next month, the 2019 Catholic Appeal will be launched in all parishes throughout the Archdiocese. Each of us is responsible not only for the wellbeing of our parish, but also for the wellbeing of the Church throughout our Archdiocese and throughout the world. In preparation, we invite you to prayerfully consider making a generous gift. To make an online pledge, please visit www.bostoncatholicappeal.org, identifying St. Mary's as your parish. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this year's Appeal.

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.

LAST SUNDAY'S PARISH OFFERTORY:

Mass Collections: \$ 11,009.00
 Automatic Giving: \$ 1,540.00
 Total Offertory: \$ 12,549.00

Thank you for your faithful support of your parish!

PRAYERS AND MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday	February 9
5:00	Norman J. Gallagher
7:30	Robert Fortin, 4 th Anv.
Sunday	February 10
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Lawrence J. Furey
11:30	Grade 5 Healing Mass
Monday	February 11
9:00	Holy Souls
Tuesday	February 12
9:00	Rose Doyle, 14 th Anv.
Wednesday	February 13
9:00	Thomas F. Ryan
Thursday	February 14
9:00	Charles Crespi
Friday	February 15
9:00	Beverly Boudreau
Saturday	February 16
9:00	Holy Souls
5:00	Paul T. Shea and Louis and Emma Zeramby
7:30	Walter "D" Robbins
Sunday	February 17
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Francis Murphy
11:30	John McHugh, 10 th Anv.



THE ROSE FOR LIFE: Is sponsored this week by Faith Williams in memory of Nick Rossini. Please join her in prayer for an unborn child. Please help sponsor the Rose in 2019 by calling the Rectory at 429-4427.

PANTRY SHELF NEEDS: The following grocery items: Regular Ground Coffee, Canned Turkey, Spam, Beefaroni, Canned Ravioli, Taco Shell Dinner Kits, Progresso Soups, Paper Towels and Kids Snacks. Donations can be dropped off during Pantry hours Monday - Friday from 10 AM – 2 PM and Monday & Wednesday from 4:00 - 7:30 PM or at the box at the Elm Street Lobby of the Center Hall.

POWR TO THE PEOPLE OF ST. MARY'S: 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.



Saint Mary's Parish

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February 10, 2019
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Nearly twenty-five years ago, on the Feast of Pentecost, I celebrated Mass for the very first time. I have many special memories of that day – my parents and siblings in the front row; holding up the host and chalice that Christ might enter them between my very hands; being surrounded by a dozen of my brother priests. To my surprise, however, the most moving part of the celebration was the Sanctus. The choir of St. Clement Parish in Somerville had prepared Schubert's German Mass, and as the simple harmonies washed over us it was like I was hearing the words of the Sanctus prayer for the first time – *"Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are filled with Your glory, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest."* Hearing this song that day I felt suddenly aware of the vastness of God, and this simple refrain seemed filled with an incredible sense of awe before so great a Being, so mighty a love.

The origin of the Sanctus prayer is offered by Isaiah in today's first reading. It is the song that the angels offer in worship before the very throne of God, the hymn first heard by the prophet and now offered by all of us together before God's altar. It is no accident that the preface to the Sanctus prayer always invites us to "join our voices" to those of the angels in this wondrous song of praise. This Sunday, when you part your lips and offer God this ancient prayer, remember that these same words are being offered to God right now by the angels in heaven, and by the saints who have gone before us and now see God face to face.

Part of the beauty of the Sanctus prayer, is that while it speaks of the holiness of God – God who is separate and above all things common and profane – it also reminds us that the earth is *full* of God's glory. All things in God's creation are meant to reflect the face and the love of God. Nowhere is this truer than in human beings, fashioned in the very image and likeness of God. Isaiah, upon seeing God and hearing God's ministering angels, is filled with a sense of unworthiness on account of sin. *"Woe is me, I am doomed! For I am a man of unclean lips, living among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!"* Peter has very much the same reaction when he sees Jesus in today's Gospel, crying, *"Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man."* As creations, indeed the *highest* earthly creations of God, these men are meant to embody and reflect God's holiness. But sin has reduced in them and all of us, what should be a natural and easy affinity for the Divine.

Happily, there is a way back to our true nature. For Isaiah, it is the fiery coal pressed to his lips by an angel to burn away sin's disfigurement. For Peter, the cure lies in his relationship with Jesus Christ. Jesus is in fact the burning coal, the purifying fire, by which God offers all His human children redemption and restoration to their true nature as vessels of His glory. We remember that it was on Pentecost that the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles as "tongues of fire." Not coincidentally, this was when Jesus established the sacrament of Confession, saying to His apostles, *"Receive the Holy Spirit. To you I give the power to forgive men's sins."*

Lent starts in just over three weeks, and there will be many opportunities to grow in our knowledge and love of God. But by far the most important thing for us to accomplish each Lent is to embrace the purifying grace – the cleansing fire – of Jesus Christ by making a good Confession. Even as Isaiah did not pull back as the angel approached to touch the burning coal to his lips, neither should we cringe from confessing our sins aloud and receiving the fullness of Christ's mercy. Both Isaiah and Peter admitted their sins aloud and so moved toward redemption. Similarly, when we avail ourselves of the sacrament of Confession, we are remade in the image of Jesus, so that when Easter comes we may sing His praises in purity and newness of life.

May the Lord of Our Journey continue to bless you and yours.

Under His Mercy,

Rev. Mark J. Coiro
Pastor

WINGS (Women in God's Spirit): Please join us on Wednesday, February 13 from 9:30-11:30 AM for the fourth and final session in our Winter season. Sister Agnes Therrien, WINGS member, 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 information about the WINGS ministry, please call Linda Calabrese at (508) 893-7919.

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BLESSING OF MARRIED COUPLES: In honor of World Marriage Month, St. Mary's will offer a special blessing to all married persons at Masses next weekend, February 16 and 17. As is our custom, the couple at each Mass *present together* and *married the longest* will be presented with roses, as we honor all our married couples and ask God's grace upon them.

EPIC

ST. MARY'S EPIC - TONIGHT: February 10 from 7:30 – 8:45 PM in Father Haley Hall. Come for a great time of games, fun, food, friends, small group faith discussions and more. \$5 Dues. Open to anyone in High School! A few spots are still available for the Summer Mission Trip to Gainesville Florida July 14-20. Paperwork is available in the Rel. Ed Office. Please email our youth minister Jake Thiringer with questions at stmarysym1870@gmail.com.

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!



THE SAINTS ON GRATITUDE:

"In all created things discern the providence and wisdom of God, and in all things give Him thanks."
– St. Teresa of Avila

"Remember the past with gratitude. Live the present with enthusiasm. Look forward to the future with confidence."
– St. John Paul II

"The secret of happiness is to live moment by moment and to thank God for what He is sending us every day in His goodness." – St. Gianna Beretta Molla

"Thank God ahead of time." – Bl. Solanus Casey



ST. PAUL'S BOY CHOIR ~ LENTEN CONCERT: Friday, March 8, 7-8 PM in St. Mary's Church. Start your Lent with an evening of rapturous music by the internationally acclaimed Boys Choir of St. Paul's Archdiocesan Choir School in Cambridge. Directed by John Robinson and accompanied by organist Jeremy Bruns, the Choir will perform works by Rheinberger, Lalouette, and Fauré, among others. The Concert is free and open to all. For more information on the St. Paul's Choir School, please visit www.saintpaulschoirschool.us

Lent 2019

For Grieving Parents Who Have Lost a Child of Any Age by Any Cause

Presented by the Emmaus Ministry at St. Anthony Shrine.

Serving the Spiritual Needs of Grieving Parents

Saturday, March 23, 2019 9:30 am - 7:00 pm

ONE-DAY SPIRITUAL RETREAT

St. Anthony Shrine Friary, 100 Arch Street, Boston, MA 02110

Join other parents and the friars for a One-Day Emmaus Ministry Retreat.

Give yourself the gift of getting away for a day to focus on your own individual spiritual journey. Share as much or as little as you like. Experience peace and comfort in a safe, loving place, at least for a time. All are welcome. Dress is casual. **Pre-Registration required. See www.emfgp.org or call 617-542-8057.**

Cost: \$25 individuals; \$40 couples. Includes three meals, refreshments, and all retreat materials. Parking near by is available at \$9 per day.

BROWN BAG LUNCH RETREAT

Losing a child is horrendous. Your life changes dramatically, irrevocably forever. Focusing on the spirituality of the grieving process can help. Bring a lunch; we provide beverages.

Free Will Offering.

Wednesday, March 27, 2019 12:15 pm - 1:15 pm

KEEPING ASHLEIGH ALIVE!

Genevieve Baudin, Ashleigh's Mother

Learn how a grieving mother keeps not just the memory of her daughter alive, but also the mother-daughter bond through her strong belief in the Communion of Saints.

Registration requested but not required at www.emfgp.org. For more information, call Diane, Paul's Mother, at 617-542-8057.



CLOW- CHILDREN K-6: CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Today, Sunday, February 10, 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.

FEBRUARY VACATION: SUNDAY, FEB. 17 TO FRIDAY, FEB. 22.

WEEK'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

DAY	GRADE	GRADE
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
Mon., Feb 11	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., Feb 12	GR-4 at 4:00 PM	GR-6 at 4:00 PM
	GR-9 at 6:30 PM	
Wed., Feb 13	GR-7 at 6:00 PM	GR-8 at 6:00 PM
Thur., Feb 14	GR-9 at 6:30 PM	
Sun., Feb 17	NO CLASSES	

GRADE 5 SPONSORED HEALING MASS

TODAY– SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10 at 11:30 AM:

The Grade 5 children will sponsor the Mass and witness the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick as part of their curriculum on the Seven Sacraments. St. Mary's has wheelchair access by using the elevator located on the Elm Street parking lot.

**VBS 2019**

Get ready for **ROAR**. This African adventure engages the whole herd. Kids will explore God's goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life. A single Bible point is presented at each station daily.

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 9 – CONFIRMATION I: Grade 9 classes will meet this week on Tuesday, February 12 and Thursday, February 14 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 2 on St. Benedict begins on Tuesday, February 12 at 10:00 AM in Room 3 – 4. All are welcome.

FORMED ~ PICK OF THE WEEK: Beloved Episode 1 Christ at the Center - See vows in a new whole new light. Learn how to put faith at the center of your marriage! This mix of the theoretical and practical will help you thrive in marriage. *"Great insights for the journey."* - Marga R., Greenwich, CT.

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.

COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS: Tuesday, February 19 from 6:30 to 7:30 PM in the Library.