



# 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!

**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 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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## Bishops of Massachusetts to the Catholics of the Commonwealth

We write as your pastors; we write also at a critical moment for the Catholic Church in Massachusetts, in the nation and throughout the world. The issue which confronts us all, but especially confronts us as bishops, is the sexual abuse crisis that has again enveloped the life of the Church.

Catholics throughout the United States and the world have struggled with the deepest questions of reason and faith as the multiple issues of sexual abuse by priests and bishops have become public over the last sixteen years. The past year has been especially traumatic, and we again apologize to survivors and their families for all they have endured. We also apologize to the Catholic community for the seemingly unending nature of this scandal and the many questions it raises regarding Church leadership.

The attention of the Church and the wider society will be focused in an extraordinary way on the upcoming Summit Meeting in Rome, convoked by Pope Francis to address the crisis globally. Our purpose in this message is to provide perspective on the meeting considering what has occurred in the Church in the United States and throughout the world.

The Past: The clergy abuse crisis exploded in the United States early in 2002 when the unprecedented dimensions of the crisis became clear, leading the US Bishops Conference to adopt “The Dallas Charter” later that year. The Charter promised a policy of zero-tolerance of sexual abuse of minors, meaning that accused priests determined to have abused a minor would be removed from ministry; all cases would be referred to appropriate civil authorities and each case would then be investigated within the Church. Beyond the provisions in the Charter, individual dioceses have adopted policies to provide care and counseling for survivors and education and prevention training in our parishes, schools and religious education programs. Reviewing the past, we acknowledge the record includes gaps and failures as well as successful implementation of these policies. At the same time, the Church in the rest of the world has experienced the abuse crisis in different ways at different times.

The Present: In 2018, the primary attention of responsibility for the abuse crisis shifted from priests to bishops. It became clear that the Dallas Charter, focused on priests, needed to be amended to include accountability for bishops’ and cardinals. In order to broaden the policy in this way, the U.S. Bishops have proposed that a publicly announced method of reporting cardinals and bishops implicated in occurrences of sexual abuse be established. We also have advocated for the establishment of an oversight review committee that includes appropriately credentialed professional lay leadership. However, the Holy See asked the U.S. Bishops Conference to postpone action on this proposal until after the meeting in Rome.

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Archdiocese of Boston — Dioceses of Fall River, Springfield, Worcester

The Summit Meeting, convoked by Pope Francis, will involve the Presidents of over 180 Episcopal Conferences from throughout the world; along with Cardinal O'Malley, participating in his role as President of the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Children. The goal of the Summit Meeting, as stated by the Holy Father, is "catechesis" of the episcopal conferences. A way to interpret this phrase is that the meeting will seek to create a strong consensus throughout the universal Church of zero tolerance of sexual abuse, to develop the programs which will implement this mandate and to put in place the programs of education and prevention needed to keep children safe throughout the world, even and perhaps most especially in countries where government and law enforcement may not be reliable partners in protecting children.

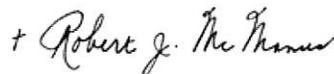
This meeting will be very complex in its composition, cultural and geographical diversity and the political and legal context that is necessarily present in these matters. We ask your prayers for all involved in the Summit Meeting and your appreciation that a three-day meeting will not produce a finished and final plan for a global Church of 1.2 billion people. Demanding but also realistic expectations will be helpful for us all as we think not only about what the Church in the United States needs to accomplish but also the steps necessary to achieve global solutions, particularly in circumstances where cultural sensitivities must be considered.

The Future: As always, first and foremost in our thoughts are the survivors of abuse for whom we continue to pledge our vigilance. We use this occasion to pledge our continued commitment to the policies we have adopted and to all those measures of care, counseling, education and healing needed to abolish the scourge of sexual abuse throughout the Church.

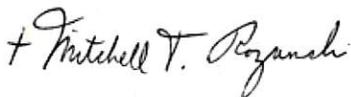
Thank you.



His Eminence Seán P. O'Malley, OFM, Cap.  
Archbishop of Boston



Most Reverend Robert J. McManus  
Bishop of Worcester



Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski  
Bishop of Springfield



Most Reverend Edgar M. da Cunha, SDV  
Bishop of Fall River

**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  
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MUSIC	5:00 PM	9:30 AM	11:30 AM
Entrance	#302	#731	#731
Offertory	#620	-	-
Communion	#509	#344	#364
Recessional	#617	#122	#122

**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](http://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: \$ 11,686.00  
 Automatic Giving: \$ 2,742.00  
 Total Offertory: \$ 14,428.00

Thank you for your faithful support of your parish!

**PRAYERS AND MASS INTENTIONS:**

**Saturday February 16**  
 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<sup>th</sup> Anv.  
**Monday February 18**  
 9:00 Deceased Presidents of  
 the United States  
**Tuesday February 19**  
 9:00 Paul Haberski  
**Wednesday February 20**  
 9:00 Barbara Brown, 2<sup>nd</sup> Anv.  
**Thursday February 21**  
 9:00 Genevieve Calapa  
**Friday February 22**  
 9:00 Maureen Jordan  
**Saturday February 23**  
 9:00 Holy Souls  
 5:00 Walter & Eileen Rossini  
 7:30 John Collins, 14<sup>th</sup> Anv.  
**Sunday February 24**  
 7:30 People of St. Mary's  
 9:30 Anthony Stanton, Month's Mind  
 11:30 Bernie Cornelia, 17<sup>th</sup> Anv.



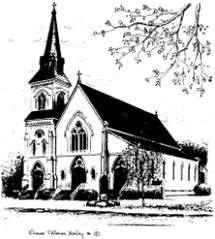
**THE ROSE FOR LIFE:** Is sponsored this week by the Olson family. Please join them in prayer for an unborn child. Please help sponsor the Rose in 2019 by calling the Rectory at 429-4427.

**PARISH NEWSLETTER COLLATING:** Please join us this Friday, February 22 at 9:30 AM in Fr. Haley Hall to collate the Newsletter. Many hands make light work!



**PAINTING OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH SANCTUARY ~ DAILY MASS IN FATHER HALEY HALL ALL NEXT WEEK, MONDAY, FEB. 18 TO FRIDAY, FEB. 22:**

This project was part of the 2018 Grand Annual. The pillars and walls around the altar area (up to the first horizontal molding) will be painted. The cornices and other cracked areas will be repaired. Thank you to all who made this beautification of God's House possible!



# Saint Mary's Parish

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February 17, 2019  
6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

This past week's Celebrations of St. Valentine's Day and this weekend's World Marriage Celebration direct our attention to the beautiful love that exists between a man and a woman according to God's design. St. Valentine was a priest in Rome who was martyred on February 14, 269 A.D. Father Valentine's love for God and respect for the Sacrament of Marriage was so great that he continued performing weddings even after these were outlawed by decree of the Emperor Claudius. For many Valentine's Day has become a day to celebrate romantic love. But it is worth remembering that the real Valentine loved God above all and put God's law of marriage before the laws of the state. For this he paid the ultimate price, winning by the shedding of his blood the crown of martyrdom.

In a sense, every Christian is called to one of four general vocations: the chaste single life, religious life, priesthood, or married life. All four vocations are equal in dignity and in their capacity to build up the kingdom of God. Marriage, which we focus on this weekend, is defined by God's Church as *"a covenant, by which a man and a woman establish between themselves a partnership of their whole life, and which of its own very nature is ordered to the well-being of the spouses and to the procreation and upbringing of children. It has, between the baptized, been raised by Christ the Lord to the dignity of a sacrament."* (Canon 1055)

In choosing to celebrate Marriage as a Sacrament, a man and woman invite God into their new life together in an intimate and powerful way. Christ performed His very first miracle, the changing of water into wine, at a Wedding in Cana of Galilee. In marriage, He offers to transform a couple's human love into something even richer, stronger, and more enduring by His grace. Married love is a powerful symbol of Christ's own love for His Church. It is a lifelong commitment, reminding us that Jesus is ever faithful. It is procreative, reminding us that our relationship with Jesus should bear the fruit of holiness. It is the union of man and woman, just as in faith human beings are united to God Himself.

At each Mass this weekend we will honor with the presentation of roses the couple present together who have been married for the longest number of years. In honoring them we seek to honor all married couples, and we ask God's great grace upon them. In the words of the Nuptial Blessing:

*"O, God, you have made the union of man and wife so holy a mystery that it symbolizes the marriage of Christ and his people. Look with love upon this woman, your daughter, now joined to her husband in marriage. She asks your blessing. Give her the grace of love and peace. May she always follow the example of the holy women whose praises are sung in the scriptures. May her husband put his trust in her and know that she is his equal and the heir with him to the life of grace. May he always honor her and love her as Christ loves his people. Keep them always true to your commandments. Keep them faithful in marriage and let them be living examples of Christian life. Give them the strength which comes from the gospel so that they may be witnesses of Christ to others. And, after a happy old age, grant them fullness of life with the saints in the kingdom of heaven. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen."*

In Christ's Service and Yours,

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

Rev. Mark J. Coiro  
Pastor

women in  
**WINGS**  
God's spirit

**WINGS (Women in God's Spirit):** There will be no WINGS on Wednesday this week due to February school vacation. Please join us on Wednesday, February 27 from 9:30 - 11:30 AM for the fourth and final session in our Winter season. This has been rescheduled from February 13. Sister Agnes Therrien, WINGS member, will be offering a reflection on the 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.

**ST. MARY'S EPIC:** Save these dates for our very busy March!

March 10 - Our next EPIC Meeting from 7:30 – 8:45 PM in Father Haley Hall.

March 17 – St. Patrick's Day - We will have a Mission Trip Fundraiser selling Irish Soda Bread, with baking on March 15 and 16.

March 24 – Join EPIC in Father Haley Hall at 7:45 PM for a service project preparing blessings bags which will be distributed by Boston Sock Exchange to families in need.

March 31 – EPIC Meeting from 7:30 – 8:45 PM.

More info on all of these events will be coming out in the next few weeks.

Please email our youth minister Jake Thiringer with questions at [stmarysym1870@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysym1870@gmail.com).

**EPIC**

**MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP:** Our next trip is this Tuesday, February 19 to Blue Man Group. Please arrive at the parish Center by 12:15 PM. We will have dinner at Quincy market at 2 PM so bring spending money for lunch and then off to the show at 4:30 PM. We will be returning back to St. Mary's at around 8 PM. Our February Meeting is next Sunday, February 24 from **6:30 – 8:00 PM**. Bring a postage stamp for your Lenten Letter to God and your assigned by Grade Baking Ingredient. 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, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade BINGO service trip to St. Patrick Manor, and for the March 22 Late Night Cosmic Bowling Trip! All 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Graders are welcome. Bring a friend!



**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 Choir School, visit [www.saintpaulschool.us](http://www.saintpaulschool.us).

**WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS:** *"Sing to the Lord a new song; his praise is in the assembly of the saints. We are urged to sing a new song to the Lord, as new people who have learned a new song. A song is a thing of joy; more profoundly, it is a thing of love. Anyone, therefore, who has learned to love the new life has learned to sing a new song, and the new song reminds us of our new life. The new person, the new song, the new covenant, all belong to the one kingdom of God, and so the new person will sing a new song and will belong to the new covenant."*

- St. Augustine

**BLESSING OF MARRIED COUPLES:** In honor of World Marriage Month, St. Mary's will offer a special blessing to all married persons at Masses this 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.



**St. Josemaria Escriva**

*“Those who are called to the married state will, with the grace of God, find within their state everything they need to be holy.”*

**St. John Chrysostom**

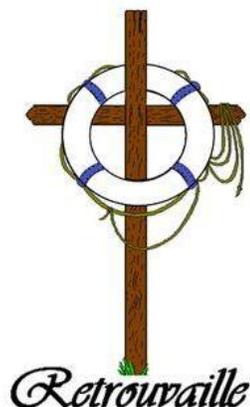
*“The love of a husband and wife is the force that welds society together.”*

**St. Augustine of Hippo**

*“As love grows in you, beauty grows, too. For love is the beauty of the soul.”*

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:** Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a weekend for married Christian couples who value their relationship and desire a richer, fuller life together. Attend a Marriage Encounter weekend and learn the tools needed to keep your marriage strong. The emphasis of Worldwide Marriage Encounter is on communication between husband and wife, who spend a weekend together away from the distractions and the tensions of everyday life, to concentrate on each other. It's not a retreat, nor a marriage clinic, nor group sensitivity. It's a unique approach aimed at revitalizing Christian Marriage. This is a time for you and your spouse to be alone together. To rediscover each other and together focus on your relationship for an entire weekend. Every marriage deserves that kind of attention! Rediscover the spark that was there on your wedding day! Rediscover the best friend you had when you were first married! Join the millions of couples worldwide who have learned how to keep their marriage vibrant and alive!

Visit: <https://wwmema.org/index.php>.



**RETROUVAILLE:** Retrouvaille is a program to help couples heal and renew their marriages. The word Retrouvaille, (pronounced re-tro-vi with a long i.) is a French word meaning rediscovery. The program offers tools needed to rediscover a loving marriage relationship. Thousands of couples headed for cold, unloving relationships or divorce have successfully overcome their marriage problems by attending the program. The Retrouvaille Program consists of a weekend experience combined with a series of 6-12 post-weekend sessions over 3 months. It provides the tools to help put your marriage in order again. The main emphasis of the program is on communication in marriage between husband and wife. It will give you the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse? Are you constantly fighting? Or, do you simply shut down? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Does talking about it only make it worse?

**SPIRITUAL HELP FOR GRIEVING PARENTS DURING LENT AT ST. ANTHONY SHRINE IN DOWNTOWN CROSSING:**

Please join us for One Day Retreat on Saturday, March 23 from 9:30 AM - 7:00 PM. Give yourself the gift of getting away to focus on where God is in your life after the death of your child - and how to survive this horrific situation. Pre-Registration at [www.emfgp.org](http://www.emfgp.org) required. Or visit with us for a One-Hour Brown Bag Lunch Retreat on Wednesday, March 27 from 12:15 -1:15 PM for *Keeping Ashleigh Alive: My Spiritual Journey after the Death of My Beautiful Daughter*. Presented by Genevieve Baudin. Bring a lunch; we provide beverages. No pre-registration or cost required. For more information, see [www.emfgp.org](http://www.emfgp.org) or call 617-542-8057.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:** Please join us at 10 AM on Friday, March 1, at St. Mary's as the women of the World Day of Prayer Committee of Slovenia call us to worship with the words: “Come – everything is ready.” We are invited to learn about Slovenia's history and rich culture. One phrase in the worship service especially captures the ideas we will explore: “Welcoming God, in our love, you have prepared a table for all, and you inspire us to open our hearts and our homes to offer a place to the ones who are not yet at the table.” Who isn't at your table yet? Who isn't at your World Day of Prayer service... yet? The women of Slovenia challenge us all to widen our circles and to expand our communities. Let us walk in faith and prayerful action!

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

**OF THE WORD:** Today, Sunday, February 17, 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: FEB. 17 TO FEB. 22.**

**WEEK'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE**

DAY	GRADE	GRADE
Sun., Feb 17 to Fri, Feb. 22	NO CLASSES	
Sun., Feb. 24	GR-1 at 8:10 AM	GR-4 at 7:55 AM
	GR-4 at 10:45 AM	GR-5 at 10:45 PM
	GR-6 at 12:45 PM	
Mon., Feb 25	GR-3 at 3:00 PM	GR-5 at 3:00 PM
	GR-6 at 2:30 PM	GR-8 at 6:00 PM
Tues., Feb 26	GR-5 at 4:00 PM	GR-6 at 4:00 PM
	GR-10 at 6:30 PM	
Wed., Feb 27	GR-2 at 4:15 PM	GR-7 at 6:00 PM
	GR-8 at 6:00 PM	
Thur., Feb 28	GR-10 at 6:30 PM	

**VBS 2019  
July 22 - 26**



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. A five day experience where kids learn *life is wild* and *God is Good*.

**GRADE 7 VOCATION NIGHTS:** On Sun., March 3 At 5:30 PM and on Wed., March 13, at 6:00 PM Grade 7 students will meet in Fr. Haley Hall for their class session on Vocations. Fr. Mark, Seminarian Steven Booth and the Daughters of St. Paul will present how their call to serve Christ in their daily work and minister to others in various ways has brings the Good News of Christ to the people.

**HELP:** A Monday night **Monitor** is needed on alternate weeks from 6:00 to 7:30 PM for Grade 8.

**COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS:** Tuesday, February 19 at 7:45 PM in the Library.

**GRADE 10 – CONFIRMATION II:** Grade 10 classes will meet the week of Tuesday, February 26 and Thursday, February 28 in Fr. Haley Hall from 6:30 to 8:30 PM.

**GRADE 10 RETREAT:** Saturday, March 2 from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Students should check in by 8:45 AM. Contact Jake Thiringer at 429-6076 or send an Email to [st.marysym1870@gmail.com](mailto:st.marysym1870@gmail.com) with any questions.

**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.marysdre1870@gmail.com](mailto:st.marysdre1870@gmail.com).

**WINTER ADULT FORMATION PROGRAM:** There will no meeting on Tuesday, February 19, vacation week. The session will resume on Tuesday, February 26 at 10:00 AM in Room 3-4 with a five week series “No Greater Love” a biblical walk through Christ’s Passion to prepare for Lent.

**FORMED ~ PICK OF THE WEEK:** Lectio: Peter DVD Episode 5: Peter and the Keys. Did Jesus Establish the Papacy? What are the “keys of the kingdom” and why are they so important to understanding Peter and his successors’ role in the Church? “*Eye opening! A great study on Peter and the keys to the Kingdom.*” - Bernadette P., Lantana, FL Watch on Formed.org

**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](http://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. You can request a copy of the form by calling the R.E. Office and one will be sent via Email. 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 to the Email address below: [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.