



*Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and when they were over he was hungry. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, One does not live on bread alone." Luke 4:1-4*



# 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.

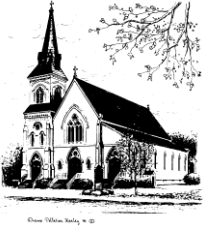
Please join in!

**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.



# Saint Mary's Parish

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

March 10, 2019  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

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

As we enter the church today, we see the lush greenery of Ordinary Time replaced with thorny brambles. This transformation of our worship space marks the start of our Lenten journey – a sojourn into the wilderness. For forty days we will forsake comfort and luxury in favor of fasting, prayer and almsgiving. Of these three Lenten practices, perhaps fasting is the most underutilized. Whereas today's Gospel relates that Jesus *"ate nothing"* during His forty days in the wild places of the desert, our Catholic faith requires only that we fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. These days, however, represent a bare minimum. Persons in good health are encouraged to fast more often during Lent – perhaps one day each week (traditionally on Fridays).

Physically, such fasting allows the body to purify itself of toxins and to divert energy normally used for digestion to other needs. Spiritually, such fasting represents a self-emptying; a lessening of the hold this world has on us as we seek first the things that are of God. It also fosters a self-discipline that can be valuable in almost every other area of life. If a sinful habit has taken hold of us, for instance, to the point that we very much feel in the grip of something beyond our control, fasting can be part of finding our freedom again. Remember the occasion when the disciples came to Jesus bewildered that they had been unable to cure a possessed boy? *"Why could we not cast him out?"* they asked Jesus. And Jesus answered, *"This kind can be driven out in no way except by prayer and fasting."* (Mark 9:29)

Nor is our Lenten fasting to be limited only to food. In the words of St. John Chrysostom:

*"Do you fast? Give me proof of it by your works.  
If you see a poor man, take pity on him.  
If you see a friend being honored, do not envy him.*

*Do not let only your mouth fast,  
but also the eye and the ear and the feet and the hands  
and all the members of our bodies.*

*Let the hands fast, by being free of avarice.  
Let the feet fast, by ceasing to run after sin.  
Let the eyes fast, by disciplining them not to look upon that which is sinful.*

*Let the ear fast, by not listening to evil talk and gossip.  
Let the mouth fast from foul words and criticism.  
For what good is it if we abstain from the flesh of animals, only to bite and  
devour our brothers through our speech?*

*May He who came to the world to save sinners, strengthen us to  
complete the fast with humility, have mercy on us and save us. Amen."*

May the Lord of Our Lenten Journey bless you and yours.

Under His Mercy,

Rev. Mark J. Coiro  
Pastor



## 2019 CATHOLIC APPEAL ~ Living Our Faith Together

We want to thank everyone from St. Mary's who has so far participated in the 2019 Catholic Appeal.

**To date our parish has raised \$26,390 from 11% of St. Mary's active households, reaching 30% of our parish goal of \$87,486.**

These contributions support the many ministries of our Archdiocese and will improve the lives of so many vulnerable persons. The Appeal is to our Archdiocese what the weekly offertory is to our parish. If you have not yet made your gift, please consider making a pledge. You can pick up orange pledge envelopes at the church entrances. Please place your completed pledge envelope in any Mass collection basket. Online pledges may be made at [www.BostonCatholicAppeal.org](http://www.BostonCatholicAppeal.org). Either way, please be sure to indicate St. Mary's, Holliston as your parish so that your gift is applied to our parish goal. Thank you for doing your part – large or small according to your means – to support the good works of our Church. God bless you!



### 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

### SECOND COLLECTION: THIS WEEKEND

This week's second collection supports Catholic Charities. As one of the largest providers of social services in Massachusetts, Catholic Charities of Boston offers nearly 90 programs and services in 27 locations around Eastern Massachusetts. From Lawrence to Brockton and Natick to Boston, our service sites throughout Eastern Massachusetts helped 200,475 of our neediest neighbors of all faiths last year. For more information, please visit [www.ccab.org/](http://www.ccab.org/).

### LAST SUNDAY'S PARISH OFFERTORY:

Mass Collections: \$12,117.00  
 Automatic Giving: \$ 3,160.00  
 Total Offertory: \$15,277.00

St. Mary's thanks all those who support their parish so faithfully each week. May God bless you.

### PRAYERS AND MASS INTENTIONS:

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>March 9</b>
5:00	Peter & Shirley Blair
7:30	William Kreinsen
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 10</b>
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Girl Scout Sunday
11:30	Maryellen Miller, 11 <sup>th</sup> Anv.
<b>Monday</b>	<b>March 11</b>
9:00	Thomas Brady (Living)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>March 12</b>
9:00	Agnes Hickey
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>March 13</b>
9:00	Sonia Benjamin (Living)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>March 14</b>
9:00	Troy Marden
<b>Friday</b>	<b>March 15</b>
9:00	Special Intention
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>March 16</b>
9:00	Jim & Pat Dufficy
5:00	Philip Meuse, 6 <sup>th</sup> Anv.
7:30	Midge Boyd
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 17</b>
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Patrick McDonald
11:30	Calvin Meisner, 5 <sup>th</sup> Anv.

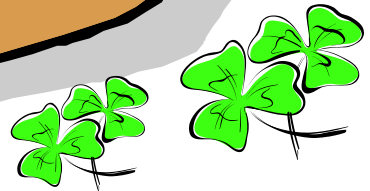
**ROSE FOR LIFE:** Is sponsored this week by the Klaus family. Please join them in prayer for an unborn child. To sponsor the Rose for Life for 2019 please call the Rectory at 429-4427.

**ST. MARY'S WOMEN'S GROUP:** Will meet this Wednesday, March 13 in the Parish Library from noon until 2 PM for our Spring meeting. Bring your crochet supplies for making something new and enjoy a social afternoon. All are welcome!



# FRESH BAKED IRISH BREAD!

Made from  
scratch!



Only \$5 a loaf.

**ON SALE AFTER ALL MASSES  
NEXT WEEKEND - MARCH 16 & 17.**

**HOMEMADE JUST HOURS BEFORE YOU GET IT  
BY OUR ST. MARY'S MISSION TRIP TEENS.**

**ALL PROCEEDS WILL SUPPORT THEIR TRIP TO  
DO RELIEF WORK IN GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA  
THIS SUMMER, JULY 14-20, 2019.**

**HELP OUR TEENS HELP OTHERS!**

# LENTEN MINI-RETREAT

**TODAY ~ SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2019  
FROM 3:30 TO 4:30 PM  
IN THE CHURCH.**

Lent is a time for repentance,  
a time for spiritual renewal, a time for forgiveness and a time to re-  
commit our relationship with the living Christ.



Come join with us and prepare your hearts through this journey of  
Lent. Spend one hour with our Lord Jesus in Eucharistic  
Adoration with a spiritual reflection  
by Sister Confida.



**EUCCHARISTIC  
ADORATION BEGINS  
PROMPTLY AT 3:30 PM**

**THE DIVINE MERCY  
CHAPLET  
WILL BE RECITED**

**CREATION CARE TEAM:** The season of Lent is upon us. Here are two ideas/resources to help you make your experience of Lent creation-centered this year. We will be sponsoring a showing of the film “A Plastic Ocean” on Saturday, March 30 at 10:00 AM in Rooms 3 & 4 in the Center. Please feel encouraged to join us on either Saturday this month! The Lenten ideas/resources are: A Lenten Study Course on climate change sponsored by Operation Noah, an ecumenical organization in Great Britain (<https://bit.ly/2BU0TUM>); and Stations of the Cross, entitled On the Path to Ecological Conversion, sponsored by the Catholic Climate Covenant (<https://bit.ly/1ChxOrD>).

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**WINGS (Women in God's Spirit):** Is a ministry of encouragement and enrichment for women of all ages who seek to deepen their faith and grow in relationship with God and one another. WINGS is on hiatus for the next two weeks. Please join us Wednesday, March 20, from 9:45 to 11:30 AM, for the first session in our six week Spring Season: “Surrendering to God's Will”. All women are welcome at WINGS 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.

**BLESSED MOTHER SCHOLARSHIP:** Scholarship Applications are now available in the Religious Education Office. This scholarship is granted in recognition of exceptional service to the St. Mary's Parish Family. Applicants must meet the following criteria: Graduating from High School in the Spring of 2019; Accepted to a four-year college or university to commence classes in the Fall of 2019; Family registered at St. Mary's Parish for at least two full years; Completed Religious Education and received the Sacrament of Confirmation; Attend Mass weekly at St. Mary's and are otherwise living out their Catholic faith. Applications are due to the Scholarship Committee by Palm Sunday, April 14.

**ST. MARY'S EPIC MEETING TONIGHT IN FATHER HALEY HALL:**

Join EPIC, our High School Youth Group, tonight from 7:30 to 8:45 PM! We will learn about Lent and have time to reflect on and share the ways we can grow in our faith throughout this season of Lent. We will be playing “The Extreme March Madness Jeopardy Trivia Basketball Extravaganza” and sampling the Irish Soda Bread that we will be making and selling next week. We will also have sign-ups for baking and selling Irish Soda Bread, and our Blessings Bags Service Project. Save These Dates:

**March 17** - St Patrick's Day - we will have a Mission Trip Fundraiser selling Irish Soda Bread, with baking on the 15 and 16 and selling after all masses on the 16 and 17.

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

EPIC



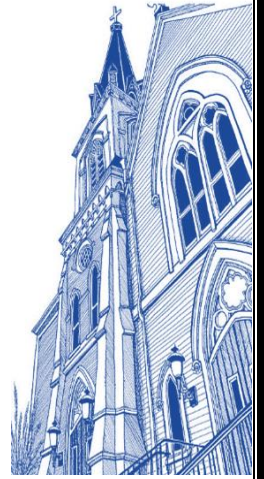
**MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP:** Our next MSYG meeting is Next Sunday, March 17, from 6:30 – 8 PM in Fr. Haley Hall. We will be making 300 sandwiches for the homeless! There will also be signups & payments for both this summer's Whitewater Rafting Trips. All 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Graders are invited for faith, friendship and fun. Bring a friend! Next Events: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade BINGO service trip to St. Patrick Manor, and the March 22 Late Night Cosmic Bowling Trip!

**WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS:** “Lift up and stretch out your hands, not to heaven, but to the poor; for if you stretch forth your hands to the poor, you have reached the summit of heaven, but if you lift up your hands in prayer without sharing with the poor, it is worth nothing.” - Saint John Chrysostom



# TWO IMPORTANT THINGS TO “GIVE UP” FOR LENT THIS YEAR

*Lent is a time when we take a hard look at our lives as Catholics and as a Catholic Community. It is an ideal time to identify and work on any ways we may have become liturgically lax or spiritually sloppy at Mass.*



## **I will give up missing the Scriptures at Mass:**

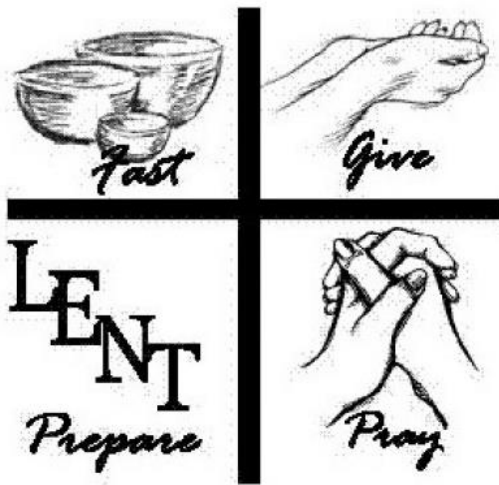
Although we should do all we can to avoid it, occasionally circumstances beyond our control may make us a bit late for Mass. However, if we enter the Church so late that we miss *all* of the Scriptures, the Gospel being the last of these, then we have missed that Mass. Church teaching is very clear that the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist *together* constitute the Mass. If it is a Sunday Mass, entering after the Gospel does not fulfill the Sunday Mass obligation – that Mass has been missed. For this same reason, anyone entering a Mass after the Gospel, should refrain from receiving Communion.

In Catholic tradition, the celebration of God’s Word is considered necessary before receiving Communion. The Scriptures open, purify and prepare the soul to meaningfully receive the Body and Blood of Jesus. Remember on the Road to Emmaus, how the Risen Lord first shared the Word of God with the two disciples as He walked with them, and *then* they recognized Him in the breaking of the Bread? Even when visiting the sick, we never just give them Communion – a Scripture is always read first. Sadly, we have a growing number of persons habitually entering Mass after the Gospel – or even after the Consecration – and still receiving Communion. It has become an epidemic at our daily Masses, where people do this almost every day – many of them then walking right out the door after receiving. The Mass is not a McDonald’s Drive Thru. It is the Upper Room, where Jesus gathered with His disciples, spoke God’s Word, and then shared the gift of Himself as Eucharist. It is not a place to “pop in and grab a spiritual bite,” but rather a place to rest and encounter Jesus meaningfully in Word and Sacrament. Please respect the Word of God, and acknowledge its importance, by arriving at Mass in time to experience it. And please refrain from receiving Communion if you have not first prepared to do so by hearing the Word of God at that Mass. Let us all honor and imitate the manner of Worship that Jesus Himself laid out for us.

## **I will give up reading the bulletin during Mass:**

Recently the priests who assist at St. Mary’s have noticed a lot of people reading the bulletin when they are trying to preach on the Gospel. All of our priests study and work hard to “open up” God’s Word through the Sunday homily. Imagine if you spent a whole week preparing to talk to someone about an important matter, choosing just the right words, trying to approach the topic in the best way. Then at week’s end you are finally with that person. You begin to talk to them, and they pick up a newspaper to read while you are speaking to them. How would you feel? You would feel that you do not have their full attention. Even if they said, “*I’m listening,*” while looking down at their newspaper or cellphone, you would still find their behavior to be rude and disrespectful. Reading the bulletin, or the Pilot, or whatever when the priest is trying to speak to you through the homily is extremely disrespectful - both to him and to the Word of God he is trying to proclaim. It also sets a terrible example for the young people of our parish.

The parish bulletin is meant to be taken home for reading. If you have fallen into the bad habit of reading it during Mass – especially at the homily – please use this Lent to reclaim your reverence. If you see a family member doing this during Mass, please talk to them about it at home. If you see a stranger doing this at Mass, please say a prayer for them. We would hate to become one of those parishes where the bulletin and Pilot are no longer put out until the end of Mass. St. Mary’s Parish has a tradition of reverence and courtesy that a little self-control can help us all reclaim this Lent.



**LENT** is the time of spiritual preparation prior to the Easter season, just as Advent is for Christmas. Jesus taught us clearly that there is no resurrection without the Cross, and Lent is the Church's great spiritual journey as she, the Bride of Christ, joins her Divine spouse in His great suffering on our behalf.

Basically, we don't experience the full joy of Easter without the self-sacrifice of Lent; the disciples of Jesus follow in His footsteps, including His service and sacrifice...

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday (this year March 6, 2019) and ends on Holy Thursday (this year April 18, 2019). On the evening of Holy Thursday, the Sacred Triduum beings.

The 40 days of Lent correspond to the 40 days that Jesus spent in the wilderness to fast, pray, and endure the temptations of the devil, all in preparation for His public ministry which would culminate in His death on the Cross.

**ABSTINENCE** -- Catholics over 14 years of age are bound to the obligation of abstinence. Abstinence is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays of Lent. On days of abstinence, meat may not be used at all.

**FASTING** -- Catholics over 18 and up to the beginning of their 60th year are bound to the obligation of fasting. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are the days of fasting. On these days, only one full meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed.



**LENTEN EVENING  
PRAYER & VESPERS  
AT ST. MARY'S**

*Turning to the Lord at end of day ...*

*Seeking His peace ...*

*Surrendering to His Love ...*

**EVENING PRAYER:** Come enjoy Lenten Evening Prayer, 7 PM in the Church, (15-20 minutes). This is the daily prayer of the Catholic Church consisting of psalms, hymns, and intercessions. Come find peace at day's end. March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9, & 16.

**SUNG CHORAL VESPERS:** Come to the traditional ancient service of sung vespers! The event will take place this Wednesday March 13 at 7:00 PM! It will be sung by the St. Mary's Youth Choir and is free and open to all. Vespers, part of the Liturgy of the Hours, is meant to give thanks for the day just past and makes an evening sacrifice of praise to God. Vespers includes the singing of psalms, intercessions and prayers. Come experience the beauty of sung prayer.

**WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS:** *"If our Lord does not watch over our preservation, all of our efforts will come to nothing. No, my children, we shall not find any sinner who may be converted who has not recourse to prayer, not one who will persevere without having very great recourse to prayer, and we shall never find a Christian damned whose downfall did not commence with a lack of prayer."*

- St. Jean-Marie Vianney





**LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS:** Bring the whole family and friends to enjoy a homemade meal, prayer and friendship every Friday during Lent from 6 to 7 PM. \* Friday, March 8 at 5:30 PM (so you can hear the Boys Choir at 7 PM). Come meet other families in the parish as we seek the Lord anew. Start a new tradition or continue with an old one by helping to prepare a soup, salad or delicious cheesy pasta. Don't like to cook? Bring a savory bread or just help out with setting up or breaking down. It's easy to volunteer, just visit: <https://tinyurl.com/2019-Lenten-Soup-Supper> and sign up. Have a blessed Lent!

**40 HOURS DEVOTION:**

In celebrating this devotion, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the altar at St. Mary's for forty continuous hours. The church will be open throughout and people may stop in at any time to visit with the Lord in prayer. The Forty Hours Devotion nurtures the love of the faithful for our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Additionally, three special dimensions surround this devotion:

- the protection from evil and temptation;
- reparation for our own sins and for the Poor Souls in Purgatory;
- and deliverance from political, material, or spiritual calamities.



**Sunday, March 31**

- 11:30 AM Opening Mass
- 6:00 PM Sung Choral Vespers
- 7-7:30 PM Organ Music
- 8:00 PM Scripture Reflection

**Monday, April 1**

- 9:00 AM Morning Mass (Hall)
- Noon Holy Rosary
- 6:00 PM Evening Prayer
- 7-7:30 PM Organ Music
- 8:00 PM Scripture Reflection

**Tuesday, April 2**

- 9:00 AM Closing Mass with Benediction

**PENNIES FROM HEAVEN:** Please bring your pennies or spare change to the Religious Education Lobby during Lent to help the people of Sierra Leone. [There is a special wooden collection stand there – just use the round metal flap on top.] Here a child can go to Catholic school for \$1.00 a year. A little goes a long way in this poor country. Please check the Respect Life bulletin board for updates!

**LOVE ENDURES ~ A THREE-PART LENTEN SERIES:** *“It appears that the Genesis serpent got it right on every account. (Genesis 3:1-5). Adam and Eve didn't die; their eyes were opened; and they became ‘like’ God, knowing good and evil. The serpent was right because he kept his conversation to the natural order. What he knew, but did not say, was that there was a greater, supernatural order.”*

Join our Seminarian, Steven Booth, for “Love Endures”, a three-part series, where we will examine the “Greater Supernatural Order,” the Cross which stands at its center and the God-given virtues of Faith, Hope and Love that make living the Christian Life possible. All are welcome for this time of reflection, discussion and questions about our Catholic Faith. Register by emailing Mary Beth at [St.Marys1870@gmail.com](mailto:St.Marys1870@gmail.com).

Wednesdays, March 27, April 3, and April 10 from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM in Classrooms 3 & 4.





**Cardinal Seán P. O'Malley Lenten Letter**  
**Archdiocese of Boston**  
**March 6, 2019**

[BostonCatholic.org](http://BostonCatholic.org)

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we begin the holy season of Lent, this annual time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving affords us the opportunity to be renewed by God's love and mercy as we recommit ourselves to lives of prayer and service to others.

This year, Lent has particular significance for the leadership of the Church at every level, local, national and universal. Recently Pope Francis called bishops from every country in the world to come together at the Vatican for the Summit to Protect Children and Minors. The summit included powerful testimony from survivors of clergy sexual abuse, religious sisters and laypersons who made clear that a meaningful and effective response from the Church is long overdue and of critical importance. I participated in the summit as the President of the Pontifical Commission for Protection of Minors and, with all present, was deeply impacted by those who addressed us.

Given the depth and seriousness of the crisis and the failures of the leadership of the Church, the expectations for the meeting were high and people are anxious to see concrete results. I left the meeting convinced that no bishop could possibly say that his diocese is not affected by these issues or that this is not a problem in his country and culture. Patience among our people and in the wider community is exhausted and understandably the call is rising for effective action.

A dominant theme at the meeting was the need for an effective reporting mechanism when a Bishop or Cardinal has failed in his duty to protect children or has himself abused children or vulnerable adults. Although I believe an effective set of procedures will be developed by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, I nonetheless wish to address this need immediately for the Archdiocese of Boston.

To that end I have decided to implement EthicsPoint, a confidential, anonymous and third-party system, exclusively for the reporting of misconduct by a Cardinal, Bishop or Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Boston. Since 2011 we have utilized EthicsPoint for concerns of potential ethics violations, financial improprieties, and other violations of the Archdiocesan Code of Conduct related to financial matters.

Like the existing system currently in use, this will be web based and have a toll-free hotline to make a report. Reports will be sent to members of my Independent Review Board who will be charged to immediately notify law enforcement for claims of abuse as well as the apostolic nuncio; the diplomatic representative to the U.S. of the Holy See. The system will be hosted on secured servers at the EthicsPoint facility and is not connected to the Archdiocese of Boston website, intranet system or the existing EthicsPoint system currently in use. We anticipate the system being up and running soon and will provide more information at that time.

In January 2002 the clergy sexual abuse crisis was revealed by the media in powerful and compelling reports on the failures of the Church to protect children. Courageous survivors came forward and forced the Church to face the crisis and accept responsibility for the crimes committed against them. That same year the American Bishops implemented the Dallas Charter of Norms. Where it has been faithfully implemented, it has been effective. But we must aggressively build on the Charter to ensure that there are clear paths for reporting misdeeds of the hierarchy by utilizing the expertise of independent lay professionals.

During the meeting in Rome, the most powerful moments were when survivors of abuse spoke to us. This confirmed my own experience. The way forward for the Church is to hold as a priority the voices and experience of survivors, to keep them close to every step we take and make all possible efforts to provide the means for them to be heard. In Boston we will continue to provide pastoral care and counseling for survivors. We will continue to carry out programs of prevention and education in our schools and parishes. We will continue to do background checks annually for bishops, priests, all archdiocesan personnel, and all volunteers who work with children and young people. You may find the depth and breadth of those efforts in the Archdiocese of Boston on our dedicated website at <https://commitment.bostoncatholic.org/>.

For more than twenty-six years my ministry has involved responding to the abuse of minors by clergy. The crisis of sexual abuse by clergy is the greatest failure of the Church in my lifetime. It has eroded our moral authority, it endangers our pastoral, social and educational ministry, but worst of all, it devastates children and families.

We must face our past with transparency. Those who were sexually abused by clergy, their families and loved ones must always be the central focus of our response to the crisis. Their courage in coming forward has forced the Church to face the crimes committed against them. We are committed to accompanying them on their journey toward healing. Often it is survivors who teach us not to lose hope.

As we strive to live this season with renewed seriousness and commitment we pray and work for renewal in the life of the Church. We are firmly committed to zero tolerance, transparency and accountability, at all times holding survivors as the priority, always being vigilant to do all possible to prevent any harm to children.

With the assurance of my prayers for you and your loved ones,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Cardinal Seán P. O'Malley, OFM, Cap.



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

Today, Sunday, March 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

**WEEK'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE**

DAY	GRADE	GRADE
Sun., Mar. 10	GR-1 at 8:10 AM	GR-4 at 7:55 AM
	GR-4 at 10:45 AM	GR-5 at 10:45 AM
	GR-6 at 12:45 PM	GR-6 at 5:00 PM
	EPIC at 7:30 PM	
Mon., Mar. 11	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., Mar. 12	GR-5 at 4:00 PM	GR-6 at 4:00 PM
	GR-10 at 6:30 PM	
Wed., Mar. 13	GR-2 at 4:15 PM	GR-7 at 6:00 PM
	GR-8 at 6:00 PM	
Thur., Mar. 14	GR-10 at 6:30 PM	
Sun., Mar. 17	GR-2 at 8:10 AM	GR-2 at 10:45 AM
	GR-3 at 7:55 AM	GR-5 at 10:45 AM
	GR-6 at 12:45 PM	

**GRADE 10 – CONFIRMATION II:** Grade 10 classes will meet the week of Tuesday, March 12 and Thursday, March 14 in Fr. Haley Hall from 6:30 to 8:30 PM.

**WINTER ADULT FORMATION PROGRAM:** On Tuesday, March 12 at 10:00 AM in Room 3-4, part 1 of the series "No Greater Love" a biblical walk through Christ's Passion will be shown. All are welcome.

**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.

**FORMED ~ PICK OF THE WEEK:** Transform your prayer life. Dr. Tim Gray masterfully uses the prayer discipline of Lectio Divina to show you the secret to opening your heart and mind to God through Scripture. Watch "Into the Desert a Lenten Study on Prayer" on Formed.org. *"So simple and so profound"- Frances D., Carmel, IN.*

**GRADE 5 CHRISTIAN SEXUALITY WORKSHOP**

**VIEWING FOR PARENTS:** Parents who wish their children to attend the Saturday, March 23 Grade 5 Christian Sexuality Workshop, and were unable to attend one of the parent workshops, can call Fran at 429-6076 to schedule a viewing of the program before March 14. All children must have a signed "Permission Form" or "Previously Previewed Form" in order to attend the workshop.

**GRADE 5 SESSION ON HOLY ORDERS:** On **Monday, March 18** all Sunday and weekday Grade 5 students are required to attend this session with Fr. Mark at 3:00 PM in the church as part of their studies on the seven Sacraments. Parent pick-up is at 4:30 PM in Fr. Haley Hall.

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**GRADE 7 VOCATION NIGHT:** On **Wednesday, March 13** at 6:00 PM Fr. Mark Coiro, Seminarian Steven Booth and religious Sisters will share how they were called by God in various ways to bring the Good News to the people. Students absent Sunday, March 3 are to attend this class.

**GRADE 2 PARENT MEETINGS:** Sunday, March 17 at 8:15 AM and 10:45 AM and on Monday night, March 18 from 7 – 8 PM. Both meetings are in Fr. Haley Hall. These are the final meetings before First Communion.

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