



St. Mary's Parish



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

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Holy Days: Announced

Adoration Schedule:

First Fridays from 9:30-10:30 AM

Our Mission: "To know Christ and to make Him known."

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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.



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March 17, 2019 2nd Sunday of Lent

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

What was Jesus doing on the mountaintop before the spiritual pyrotechnics of today's Gospel occurred? Matthew is silent, but Luke's telling of this story includes the important detail that Jesus went up the mountain "to pray." Jesus' transfiguration, the appearance of Moses and Elijah, the Voice of God – all these things were unleashed by the power of prayer. Together with fasting and almsgiving, prayer is one of the three pillars of our own Lenten experience. During these forty days we pray for forgiveness, for guidance, for strength, for patience, and for help in becoming more like Jesus Himself. We pray for those dear to us, for strangers in need, and even for our enemies – an act of perfect mercy in the Lord.

Today's Feast of St. Patrick, the Patron Saint of our Archdiocese, gives us a powerful proof that praying for, loving and forgiving enemies is truly possible in Christ. Having been kidnapped from his home and family in Scotland at the age of sixteen, Patrick spent six years as a slave in Ireland before escaping to Britain. And yet, after becoming a priest and a bishop, Patrick longed to return to the very people who had so mistreated him, in order that they might know the light of Christ's truth and be delivered from the darkness of paganism and superstition. How easy it would have been for Patrick to harbor a just and righteous anger against those who had stolen away his youth! But instead he adopted them as his own spiritual children. When we consider all that Patrick found it in his heart to forgive, how very small and petty the various hurts and injuries we sometimes get upset about appear in comparison.

St. Patrick said that he came to count his captivity as a blessing since it made him turn to God in his need. He found solace in prayer, especially while alone in the quiet, green fields, shepherding the flocks for which he was ordered to care. This time in prayer helped Patrick find his true vocation as a shepherd of souls and priest of God. Always, prayer is the key to finding our way out of dark places and onto the path that God has prepared for us – the path that Jesus walked before us, the path of sacrificial love. This Lent I have found the following Morning Prayer to be a particular blessing on my own journey, and so I share it with you here. God bless you!

Lord,

In the silence of this new day, I come to ask You for peace, wisdom, and strength. Today, I wish to view the world Through eyes filled with love. To be patient, understanding, gentle and wise. To see beyond outward appearances Your children as You see them. Thus to see the good in each one. Close my ears to all slander. Keep my tongue from all spite. May only thoughts that bless Remain in my soul. May I be so benevolent and joyous That all who approach me may feel Your presence. Clothe me in Your light, Lord, That throughout this day, You are revealed through me.

Amen.

Rev. Mark J. Coiro Pastor



This Wednesday, March 20 at 7:00 PM in Fr. Haley Hall featuring Amy Belger, a local attorney, and Paul Treseler, Chairman of the Parole Board, who will talk about their efforts to support victims and families who have been impacted by this disease. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.



FRESH BAKED IRISH BREAD!



ON SALE AFTER ALL MASSES TODAY - 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!

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 \$29,5700 from 15% of St. Mary's active households, reaching 34% 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





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
BANNS OF MARRIAGE:

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II Richard O'Brien & Stacey Turner

SECOND COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND:

\$2,557.00 ~ Thank you!

LAST SUNDAY'S PARISH OFFERTORY:

Mass Collections: \$ 9,587.00 Automatic Giving: \$ 4,384.74 Total Offertory: \$13,971.74

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

MUSIC	5:00 PM	9:30 AM	11:30 AM
Entrance	TM #303	#104	#104
Offertory	TM #100	#600	-
Communion	#500	#596,321	#319
Recessional	#550	#415	#415

PRAYERS AND MASS INTENTIONS:

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Saturday	March 16	
5:00	Philip Meuse, 6 th Anv.	
7:30	Midge Boyd	
Sunday	March 17	
7:30	People of St. Mary's	
9:30	Patrick McDonald	
11:30	Calvin Meisner, 5 th Anv.	
Monday	March 18	
9:00	Paul T. Shea	
Tuesday	March 19	
9:00	Agnes Hickey	
Wednesday	March 20	
9:00	Melissa Bachman	
Thursday	March 21	
9:00	Genevieve Calapa	
Friday	March 22	
9:00	Ann Murphy	
Saturday	March 23	
9:00	Special Intention	
5:00	Daniel Tomacelli and the Deceased	
	Members of the Tomacelli Family	
7:30	Rose & Charlie Dahlgren	
Sunday	March 24	
7:30	People of St. Mary's	
9:30	Ivars Ozols	
11:30	Gaetano Urbano, 5 th Anv.	

CEMETERY CLEANUP: R & R Landscape will begin the Spring Cemetery Cleanup in the coming weeks. Please remove all Winter baskets/arrangements that you wish to keep at home by April 1. Thank you.

THE ROSE FOR LIFE: Is sponsored this week by the Klauser 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.

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 bite on the fly," 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 <u>lot</u> 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.



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.

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 19, 26, April 2, 9, & 16.

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. 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

"When you have received Jesus in Holy Communion, stir up your heart to do Him homage; speak to Him about your spiritual life, gazing upon Him in your soul where He is present for your happiness; welcome Him as warmly as possible, and behave outwardly in such a way that your actions may give proof to all of His Presence." - St. Francis de Sales

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

WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS: "If a priest is determined not to lose his soul, as soon as any disorder arises in the parish he must set aside human considerations as well as the fear of the contempt of some of his people. He must not allow anything to bar his way in the discharge of sacred duty, even where he is certain of being murdered on coming down from the pulpit. A pastor who wants to do his duty must keep his sword in hand at all times." - St. John Vianney

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.



MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP:

Our next MSYG meeting is TONIGHT -Sunday, March 17, from 6:30 – 8 PM in Fr. Haley Hall. We will be making 400 sandwiches for the homeless! There will also be signups & payments for both this

summer's Whitewater Rafting Trips. All 6th, 7th & 8th Graders are invited for faith, friendship and fun. Bring a friend! Next Events: 8th Grade BINGO service trip to St. Patrick Manor on March 18, and the March 22 Late Night Cosmic Bowling Trip!



ST. MARY'S EPIC: Thanks to all those who helped make and bake Irish Soda Bread this weekend, and all who attended our EPIC Meeting last week. Upcoming dates:

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. We will be joined by Kelly McPherson who is director of faith formation at Good Shepherd in Wayland who will share her story on how she got involved with this ministry.

March 31 – EPIC Meeting from 7:30 – 8:45 PM. Email Youth Minister Jake Thiringer at stmarysym1870@gmail.com.

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. Please join us this Wednesday, March 20, from 9:45 to 11:30 AM, for the beginning of our six week Spring Season: "Surrendering to God's Will". Jake Thiringer, St. Mary's High School Youth Minister and 8th to 10th Grade Religious Education Director, will be our featured speaker. Jake was raised Lutheran and joined the Catholic Church in 2017. He spent a year as a missionary at Camp Gray Catholic Camp in Wisconsin before moving to Holliston. Suggested donation is \$15.00. 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.



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: Be transformed by Jesus' love in your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are April 13-14, in Brewster, MA and June 8-9, in Medway, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or at https://wwmema.org/.

CREATION CARE TEAM: 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. 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, "On the Path to Ecological Conversion", at (https://bit.ly/1ChxOrD).

CLOW- CHILDREN K-6 CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: Today, Sunday, March 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.

WEEK'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

DAY	GRADE	GRADE
Sun., Mar. 17	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	
Mon., Mar. 18	GR-4 at 3:00 PM	GR-5 at 3:00 PM
	GR-6 at 2:30 PM	GR-6 at 5:00 PM
Tues., Mar. 19	GR-4 at 4:00 PM	GR-6 at 4:00 PM
	GR-9 at 6:30 PM	
Wed., Mar. 20	No Classes	
Thur., Mar. 21	GR-9 at 6:30 PM	
Sun., Mar. 24	GR-1 at 2:00 PM	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
	GR-7 at 5:30 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.* Registration is available April 1.

GRADE 2 PARENT MEETINGS: Today, 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.

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.

GRADE 9 – CONFIRMATION I: Grade 9 classes will meet the week of Tuesday, March 19 and Thursday, March 21 in Fr. Haley Hall from 6:30 to 8:30 PM.

WINTER ADULT FORMATION PROGRAM: On Tuesday, March 19 at 10:00 AM in Room 3-4, part 2 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, select "First-Time Registrant" button and follow prompts.

2019 CORI RENEWAL ALERT FOR ALL

WOLUNTEER 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. 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: There's more to St. Patrick than Shamrocks and Snakes. Follow St. Patrick on his dramatic journey through hardship and loss to mercy and forgiveness. His story will come to life in Augustine Institute Radio, theatre's highly-acclaimed audio drama *The Trials of Saint Patrick*. "I highly recommend this captivating audio series as an inspiration for all listeners!" - Most Rev. Samuel J. Aquila, Archbishop, Archdiocese of Denver.

GRADE 5 CHRISTIAN SEXUALITY WORKSHOP:

The student workshop is scheduled for Saturday, March 23 from 9:15 to 11:45 AM. Permission Forms and Previously Previewed Forms must be on file in the R.E. Office by Sunday, March 17.

COORDINATOR MEETING ~ PRE-K – GR-7: There will be a Coordinator Meeting on Thursday, March 21 from 7:30 to 9:00 PM in RM 3 – 4. Coordinators are to attend for planning next year's R.E. Program and schedule.

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