



Then the scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and made her stand in the middle. They said to him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. Now in the law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?" They said this to test him, so that they could have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger. But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Again, he bent down and wrote on the ground. And in response, they went away one by one, beginning with the elders. So he was left alone with the woman before him. Then Jesus straightened up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you? She replied, "No one, sir." Then Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin anymore." JN 8:1-11



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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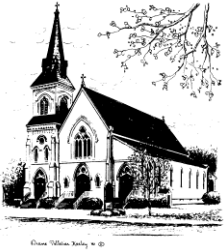
Dear Visitors: Welcome! We are delighted that you chose to worship with us this day. Please introduce yourself to the priest, and if you are interested in becoming a member of the parish then please call the rectory to register. Please also be aware that for generations it has been the custom at St. 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 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.



Saint Mary's Parish

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5th Sunday of Lent

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

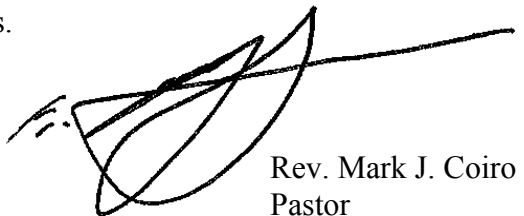
Thank you to all who made this year's 40 Hours Devotion a success – especially those who committed to a particular hour with Our Eucharistic Lord. Each time I visited the church myself, there seemed to be more people present than last year. I especially commend the parents who brought their children and teens to visit with Christ in Adoration, a beautiful example that will remain with them and hopefully move them to seek out Christ in this way when they have a need of His Presence and grace.

Today we hear of Jesus' encounter with the woman caught in adultery. It is a story of surprises. Bound, shoved forward for judgment by an angry mob, vulnerable under Jewish law to death by stoning for her sin, certainly this woman had no expectation of mercy. But, against all expectation, mercy is what she receives through the intervention of Our Lord. Imagine if you went in to see your banker because you were falling way behind on your mortgage payments, and in response to your plight the banker just picked up your mortgage contract and ripped it to shreds saying, "Don't worry, we'll forgive the whole thing." Think of your astonishment at such forgiveness. That is what Jesus offered the adulterous woman – surprising forgiveness. Has it been a while, maybe even years, since you made a good Confession? Do you doubt God's promise of total healing and forgiveness in the Sacrament? Does it seem too easy, too good to be true? Come and be surprised at the power and mercy of your God. You won't be the first.

The most impressive thing about the woman caught in adultery is that she does not deny her sin. This is not the woman "accused" of adultery, but the woman "caught in the very act" of adultery. Her guilt is great, but Jesus' grace is greater, as He says, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin anymore." It's not by accident that every Confession includes an Act of Contrition, a prayer wherein we not only repent of our sins, but also pledge to "amend our life" – the very thing Jesus required of the adulterous woman. Sometimes we forget that through this great Sacrament, Jesus not only forgives us, but strengthens us to resist future temptation. May this too be one of the graces experienced by all of us through Confession this Lent.

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

Under His Mercy,



Rev. Mark J. Coiro
Pastor

AN UNWAVERING LIGHT by Joy Lenton

*His kind, limpid-liquid gaze brushed mine
like fine, pellucid pearls glowing
lantern-bright—a steady, unwavering
light—reading the depths of my soul*

*He didn't recoil; rather, he looked
with love, compassion, deep understanding
as though he already knew everything good
bad or indifferent there was to know*

*And I barely lifted my head, kept my
sight glued to ground, where I had been
so carelessly thrown, used to feeling shamed
by those whose eyes scathingly sought mine*

*Yet this Man stooped down, wrote silently upon parched
dusty ground, spoke in surprisingly soft, gentle tones
which carried the authority of God Almighty
making cowards of others—drawing gratitude from me.*



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE



PALM SUNDAY

Saturday, April 13:

5 PM & 7:30 PM Masses

Sunday, April 14:

7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 AM Masses

Palms will be blessed &
the Passion read at all Masses.

HOLY THURSDAY

Thursday, April 18:

9 AM

Morning Prayer

7 PM

Mass of the Lord's Supper

The Mass of the Lord's Supper recalls the events the night before Jesus died, especially the institution of the Holy Eucharist. The ceremony of the washing of the feet reminds us of Jesus' call to serve one another. The Mass concludes with a procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the altar of repose in Father Haley Hall, where Adoration will continue until 10:30 PM. At Mass a collection will be taken up for the Holliston Food Pantry.

GOOD FRIDAY

Day of Fasting & Abstinence

Friday, April 19:

9 AM

Morning Prayer

12 PM

(Kindergarten – Grade 5) Younger Children's Stations of the Cross

7 PM

Celebration of the Lord's Passion

The 7:00 PM Lord's Passion Celebration is the official Good Friday Liturgy that continues the three day Triduum Celebration begun on Holy Thursday and concluding at Easter. It consists of the Liturgy of the Passion, Veneration of the Cross, and Holy Communion. The Noon Stations are designed for younger children K – Grade 5, (accompanied by parents), and utilize a living tableau and special station prayers to help young children discover Jesus' love for them in the here and now.

Good Friday is a day of fasting and abstinence from meat. In every single Catholic parish around the world this day, a collection is taken up to maintain the Shrines and struggling Christian communities in the Holy Land. This collection is taken up at both the Stations and Passion Services.

HOLY SATURDAY

Please Note: No Confessions on Holy Saturday

Saturday, April 20:

9 AM

Morning Prayer

8 PM

The Great Easter Vigil (brass quartet, adult choir)

The Great Easter Vigil is rightly called the "Mother" of all liturgies. It includes the blessing of the new Easter Candle (given this year in loving memory of Melissa Bachman, March 20, 1989 - September 4, 2018), the sung Exultet Prayer, and readings that capture the fullness of God's saving work for humanity. The Church rejoices in a special way to receive new members this night through the Sacraments of Initiation. All Easter collections go to support the retired priests of our Archdiocese. Please generously support these men who have given their whole lives in your service.

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, April 21:

7:30 AM

Church Mass

(organ, cantor)

9:30 AM

Center Hall Mass

(contemporary music)

9:30 AM

Church Mass

(youth choirs, organ, trumpet)

11:30 AM

Church Mass

(adult choir, brass quartet, organ)

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

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

LAST SUNDAY'S PARISH OFFERTORY:

Mass Collections: \$ 10,833.18
 Automatic Giving: \$ 1,638.00
 Total Offertory: \$ 12,471.18

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

2019 CATHOLIC APPEAL GOAL ACHIEVED!

We want to thank everyone from our parish who contributed to the 2019 Catholic Appeal. Our Parish Goal of \$87,486 has now been reached. Whether you gave \$20 or \$2,000, what matters is that *you did what you could* according to your means to support the good works of our Catholic Church. Please know that your parish is proud of you. And may the blessings promised to the compassionate be yours in abundance. Amen.

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!

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. April 9 & 16.

PRAYERS AND MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday	April 6
5:00	Nicholas Rossini
7:30	Encarnacion de Guzman, 4 th Anv.
Sunday	April 7
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Melissa Bachman
11:30	Sr. Ricci
Monday	April 8
9:00	John W. Quinn
Tuesday	April 9
9:00	Robert Pinet
Wednesday	April 10
9:00	Samuel & Catherine Borrelli
Thursday	April 11
9:00	Francesca Borrelli
Friday	April 12
9:00	Holy Souls
Saturday	April 13
9:00	Special Intention
5:00	Paul T. Shea, 5 th Anv.
7:30	Francis & Agnes Hickey
Sunday	April 14
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Howard F. McGovern, 10 th Anv.
11:30	Joachim von Romer



MUSIC	5:00 PM	9:30 AM	11:30 AM
Entrance	-	#128	#128
Offertory	-	#480	-
Communion	-	#677, 327	#364
Recessional	-	#711	#711

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.

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 is not used at all.

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 in the Lower Church Hall. 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!

**MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH**

GROUP: Our April Meeting is **TONIGHT** Sunday, April 7, 6:30 – 8 PM in Fr. Haley Hall. All 6th, 7th and 8th Graders are welcome. There will be prayer, trip signups for Laser Tag & Movies (vacation week), 6th Grade Prom Night Service Trip to St. Patrick Manor, and 8th Grade rafting roommate sign ups and pizza. Bring a friend!

**ST. MARY'S EPIC HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP:**

Save the Date for Sunday, April 28 for our April Meeting from 7:30 – 8:45 PM in FHH. There will also be a Bonus EPIC

Meeting on Sunday, June 2 from 7:30 – 8:45 PM in FHH. This meeting has just been scheduled and was not on the original EPIC calendar at the beginning of the school year. Please email our youth minister Jake Thiringer with questions at stmarysym1870@gmail.com. Finally, thank you so much to all who supported us by buying our Homemade Irish Soda Bread. We were able to raise \$1,700 toward our Mission Trip to Gainesville, Florida this Summer!



BLESSED MOTHER SCHOLARSHIP: Scholarship Applications are now available in the Religious Education Office. This \$1,500 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 NEXT SUNDAY - Palm Sunday, April 14.

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 Wednesday, April 10 from 9:45 to 11:30 AM, for the fourth session of our six week Spring Season: "Surrendering to God's Will". Our featured speaker will be Paula Watt, St. Mary's parishioner. Paula has held various business positions; however, her most rewarding position has been as a stay at home mom for the last seven years. Paula will discuss her reconversion to the Catholic faith, the importance of praying the Rosary and the message of our Lady at Fatima. 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.



WHAT IS DIVINE MERCY? Please join us on Monday, April 8, as we continue on with a DVD presentation entitled "Divine Mercy in the Second Greatest Story Ever Told." Narrated by Father Michael Gaitley, MIC, we will journey through God's Divine Mercy from Adam and Eve to Jesus' revelations in the diary of St. Faustina Kowalska. Jesus said to St. Faustina: "With My mercy, I pursue sinners along all their paths, and My Heart rejoices when they return to me." [#1728 Diary]. The sessions will consist of viewing the DVD, short discussion, and recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Meeting dates: April 8, 15, April 22 and 29 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM in Room 3 and 4 in St. Mary's Parish Center. For further information, contact Mitchell Liro (508) 429-6098. Sessions are sponsored by St. John's of Hopkinton Divine Mercy Cenacle.

WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS: "Let our judgment of souls cease, for God's mercy upon them is extraordinary."
- St Faustina



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**Tuesday, April 9, 2019 (11:30am - 9 pm) and
Wednesday, April 10, 2019 (11:30am - 9 pm)**

**ENJOY A DELICIOUS MEAL AND
GIVE TO A GREAT CAUSE**



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K OF C 11th ANNUAL CHARITY RAFFLE TICKET SALES

APRIL 6-7 THIS WEEKEND: St. Mary's Knights of Columbus will be selling tickets after all Masses this weekend. Tickets are \$5 each or a book of five for \$20. First Prize is \$1000. Your support has helped our Council donate \$185,000 over the past ten years. Beneficiaries include the Holliston Senior Center, Pantry Shelf, Veterans organizations, and many more. They are counting on your support to help those in need again this year!

ALSO, K OF C BERTUCCI'S FUNDRAISER! Come to Bertucci's in Holliston for lunch or dinner this Tuesday, April 9 or Wednesday, April 10 from 11AM to 9 PM, and Bertucci's will donate up to 25% of your purchase to the Holliston Knights of Columbus when you present this coupon whether you Dine In or Carry Out.

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 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 can no longer be 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.

CLOW- CHILDREN K-6: CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: Today, Sunday, April 7, the children will remain in the church with Fr. Mark and learn what Jesus teaches us in the Gospel reading.

WEEK'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

DAY	GRADE	GRADE
Sun., April 07	Pre-K at 9:15 AM	GR-1 at 8:10 AM
	GR-4 at 7:55 AM	GR-4 at 10:45 AM
	GR-5 at 10:45 AM	GR-6 at 12:45 PM
Mon., Apr. 08	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., Apr. 09	GR-5 at 4:00 PM	GR-6 at 2:15 PM
	GR-10 at 6:30 PM	
Wed., Apr. 10	GR-2 at 4:15 PM	GR-7 at 6:00 PM
	GR-8 at 6:00 PM	
Thur., Apr. 11	GR-10 at 6:30 PM	
Sun., Apr. 14	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	

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. This is a five day experience where kids learn *life is wild and God is Good*. Registration is available starting April 1.

CHILDREN'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT NOON FOR GRADES K-5: On Good Friday, April 19, families and their Grade K through 5 children are invited to the Noon Stations of the Cross. Holy week is also April Vacation. We are seeking children to take a role in the Stations of the Cross Tableau. Good Friday is a solemn day to remember Christ's Passion and death. Children who take a role must attend two rehearsals, one on Tue., April 16 and Wed., April 17 from 4 to 5:30 PM.

GR-6 TEMPLE VISIT: On Tuesday, April 9, Grade 6 Students, both Sunday and weekday classes, will attend Temple Beth Torah in Holliston for a presentation given by Rabbi Steven Edelman-Black on Jewish traditions. Students must arrive in Fr. Haley Hall by 2:15 PM to be checked in. Our office must have a signed permission form on file in order for students to attend. Parents pick up is at 4:30 PM in St. Mary's parking lot.

GRADE 10 – CONFIRMATION II: Grade 10 classes will meet this week on Tuesday, April 9 and Thursday, April 11 in Fr. Haley Hall from 6:30 to 8:30 PM.

WINTER ADULT FORMATION PROGRAM: On Tuesday, April 9 at 10:00 AM in Room 3-4, part 5 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

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

A GRADE 7 COORDINATOR IS NEEDED FOR

THE 2019-2020 R.E. PROGRAM: Our present GR-7 Coordinator, Mike Roberto, has served St. Mary's for twelve years and is stepping down from this position. We are so grateful that Mike dedicated his time to the GR-7 students. We will be seeking one or two good faithful people to replace Mike. Training will be provided and we have a great curriculum. Call 508-429-6076 or Email Fran at st.marysre@gmail.com if you can inspire and lead our GR-7 students to be disciples for Christ.

Please note that R.E. Coordinators are responsible for guiding and assisting both teachers and students in growing in their relationship with Christ and His Church. Since this is done best by example, all parish coordinators are required to be regularly practicing members of the St. Mary's Worshipping Community.

COORDINATOR MEETING ~ PRE-K – GR-7:

Thursday, April 11 from 7:30 to 9:00 PM in RM 3 – 4. Coordinators are to attend this meeting for planning and reviewing next year's R.E. Program and schedule.

COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS: Tuesday, April 16 at 7:45 PM in the Library.