



*PALM SUNDAY*  
*LOVE LEADS THE WAY*



# 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.

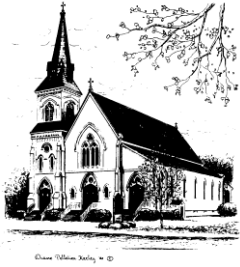
Please join in!

**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

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April 14, 2019  
Palm Sunday

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

My first thought as I envision the vast crowds that thronged around Jesus for His triumphal entry into Jerusalem, is that St. Mary's will be similarly mobbed next Sunday for the great Feast of Easter. The arrival of so many visitors each Easter represents both a logistical challenge and a spiritual opportunity. Many of our regulars will find themselves unable to sit in their accustomed place. Parking will also be more difficult. It would be easy to get frustrated with the crowds and the inconvenience, and certainly there is a sadness that comes from seeing so many Catholics who are only rare visitors to the Table of the Lord.

But think of the opportunity! These persons will be in God's house. They will hear His Holy Word proclaimed. They will receive the Precious Body of His Son. Maybe, just maybe, this will be the Easter that God touches them in a special way. This might be the year that the grace of Jesus Christ breaks through into their hearts, moving them into a more meaningful relationship with His Church. You and I can play a part in this by offering a warm greeting, a friendly smile, and above all by being patient with the crowds. See an unfamiliar face next Sunday? Then make a special effort to reach out and welcome that person. Let us remember that it is Jesus Himself Who so often comes as a stranger into our midst.

As we prepare this week for the holiest days of our liturgical year, please consider taking part in the Holy Thursday and / or Good Friday celebrations in addition to your Easter Mass. I remember as a child how moved I was by the washing of feet on Holy Thursday and coming forward to reverence with a kiss the wood of Jesus' Cross on Good Friday. Above all I remember the power and mystery of the great Easter Vigil, as the light of the new-kindled Easter Candle spread from person to person throughout the darkened church. We hope that moms and dads will make sure their young people get to experience these most magnificent celebrations of our faith.

Recently while visiting one of our Religious Education classes, I was asked a very profound question. We were talking about Jesus' crucifixion, and one little girl wanted to know why Jesus' wounds didn't heal. When I asked what she meant, she pointed out that after Jesus' Resurrection, He still had His wounds. Thus His invitation to doubting Thomas, *"Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side."* As we hear today the story of Christ's wounds being inflicted, we too might ask why they remain upon His body even after it has been raised up and glorified. One reason is that the wounds of Jesus represent His ongoing offer of salvation to all people in all times. The wounds still worn by Christ remind us also of the depth of His love for us, and that He understands firsthand what it means to suffer as we do.

One of the early Church Fathers said too that the wounds of Jesus are the means by which He intercedes for us with the Father. *"When Jesus rises up to pray for His people, He needs not speak a word; He lifts His hands before His Father's face; He makes bare His side, and points to His feet. These are the orators with which He pleads to God – these wounds, these wounds plead and prevail."*

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

Under His Mercy,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark J. Coiro'. The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping flourish that extends to the right and loops back under the name.

Rev. Mark J. Coiro  
Pastor

**GOOD FRIDAY:** As always, Good Friday is a day of solemn reflection, prayer, fasting, and abstinence from meat. It is customary to also abstain from social activities (going to the movies, playing sports, etc). Anything we would not do on the actual day a close family member that we love just died, we also avoid doing on the day that Jesus died. For Catholics, Good Friday is the single most solemn day of the year, as we consider the suffering and death that Jesus endured to save us from our sins. Let us respect and honor His perfect sacrifice of love.



# HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE



## PALM SUNDAY

**Saturday, April 13:**

5 PM & 7:30 PM Masses

Palms will be blessed &

**Sunday, April 14:**

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

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 the Polise 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.

**LAST SUNDAY'S PARISH OFFERTORY:**

Mass Collections: \$ 11,655.00  
 Automatic Giving: \$ 4,080.00  
 Total Offertory: \$ 15,735.00

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 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.

**BISHOPS' STATEMENT ON PROPOSED PRO-ABORTION LEGISLATION IN MASSACHUSETTS:**

This important letter and information is available in the online version of this bulletin. Read it at <https://stmarysholliston.com/> under the Weekly Bulletins tab for April 14, 2019.

**LAST 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 on April 16.

**PRAYERS AND MASS INTENTIONS:**

**Saturday April 13**  
 5:00 Paul T. Shea, 5<sup>th</sup> Anv.  
 7:30 Francis & Agnes Hickey

**Sunday April 14**  
 7:30 People of St. Mary's  
 9:30 Howard F. McGovern, 10<sup>th</sup> Anv.  
 11:30 Joachim Von Romer

**Monday April 15**  
 9:00 Gloria Sullivan

**Tuesday April 16**  
 9:00 Steven Jiencke

**Wednesday April 17**  
 9:00 Paul T. Shea, 5<sup>th</sup> Anv.

**Triduum & Easter April 18, 19, 20 & 21 –**  
 See enclosed Holy Week Schedule

MUSIC	5:00 PM	9:30 AM	11:30 AM
Entrance	#40	#40	#40
Offertory	#494	-	-
Communion	#730	#480	#480
Recessional	#407	#712	#712

**FASTING:** Catholics over 18 and up to the beginning of their 60<sup>th</sup> 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.



**2019 EASTER COLLECTION ~**

**Next Weekend:** All monies collected at Easter go to cover the healthcare and retirement needs of the senior priests of our Archdiocese. These men have served us in a

24/7 job for most of their lives. Without them, we could not fully live our Catholic faith. Please remember the priests who have been there for you and consider honoring them through this special collection. **Thank you for your generous and prayerful support to the wellbeing of our priests!**

**\* Will you be away travelling Easter Weekend?** Please still support our retired priests by mailing in your support, or placing it in any other collection clearly labelled "Easter - Retired Priests." Thank you!





**INCREASED WEEKLY GIVING:** In the coming weeks, you'll hear from fellow parishioners about a commitment to increasing support for St. Mary's. It has been nine years since we last asked for an increase. In May, we will ask all parishioners to make an intentional commitment of your support for the year so that we can plan for sustaining and growing the ministries that serve our parish community. We hope that in the coming weeks you will pray carefully about what role your faith and the St. Mary's community plays not only in your life, but in serving our local community spiritually and temporally. Thank you for your support!

**THANK YOU:** A great big heart-felt thank you to all who participated in the St. Mary's Lenten Soup Suppers. Your generosity and willingness to accept part of the work load made the suppers possible and successful this year. To those who helped create and manage the weekly schedule, set up and clean up the supper space, prepare the food and present the weekly reflections, your work is sincerely acknowledged and appreciated. None of us could do it alone. And, of course, special thanks are extended to the parishioners who came every week to share a meal and build our parish community.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP ~ END OF YEAR CLOSING CEREMONY & POT LUCK:** Sunday, May 19, 6:30 – 8:30 PM. All MSYG moms & dads are invited to join their teen/s for this annual End of Year Celebration. The night will include: Delicious Pot Luck Supper (Please bring your potluck item as assigned in the next mailing, except for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade parents & teens who are our special guests); Prayer & Closing Ceremony; Awards & Honoring of MSYG 8<sup>th</sup> Graders as they go forth to High School; Brownstone Quarry and Scavenger Hunt Sign Ups; Summer raft team sign ups; and a Giant Slideshow Movie of all this past Year's events!

**MSYG VACATION WEEK TRIP ~ TOMORROW:** Monday, April 15 arrive at the Parish Center at 8:30 AM. Busses depart for Lasercraze and a Movie and will return between 4 – 5 PM to the Center.

**ST. MARY'S EPIC HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP:** Those going on the Mission Trip to Gainesville this Summer who were not at the meeting last week should see Jake to pick up the second round of mission trip paperwork (due May 15) as well as their prayer partner card. Save the date for Sunday, April 28, for our next meeting from 7:30 – 8:45 in FHH. On Wednesday, May 1 there will be meeting for parents of teens attending the Mission Trip in the Lower Church at 7:30 PM. Teens are also welcome to attend. This will give parents the opportunity to ask questions and meet the chaperones. The evening of Wednesday, May 9, we will have a meeting in the Annex to stuff envelopes for our Mission Trip Raffle. More information to come. Please email Jake Thiringer with questions at [stmarysym1870@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysym1870@gmail.com).



**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 **TODAY - 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. WINGS will not meet this week due to April vacation. Please join us Wednesday, April 24 from 9:45 to 11:30 AM, for the fifth session of our six week Spring Season: "Surrendering to God's Will". Our featured speakers will be Kathy and Abe Schickel. Kathy and Abe will share the story of their beautiful daughter Elizabeth who was diagnosed with brain cancer at age 14. Her deep faith kept her strong and peaceful until the moment she went home to God. 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 more information please call Linda Calabrese at (508) 893-7919.



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## **Bishops Speak Out Against Abortion Legislation**

### *A Statement of the Roman Catholic Bishops of Massachusetts*

The Massachusetts State Legislature will consider passing into law two deeply troubling bills this legislative session. They are identical in text but differ slightly in their titles. The first, (HB 3320) is “*An Act removing obstacles and expanding access to women’s reproductive health*”. The second, (SB 1209) is “*An Act to remove obstacles and expand abortion access*”. Combined they share the same acronym – ROE.

The supporters of these bills argue the proposed changes to Massachusetts law are simply intended to protect a woman’s right to an abortion in the event the United States Supreme Court overturns the 1973 decision in the case of *Roe v. Wade*. However, in reality these bills would create a significant expansion of current Massachusetts state law. More specifically, ROE would:

- 1) Allow abortions during the nine months of pregnancy for virtually any reason.
- 2) Eliminate any requirements that abortions be performed in a hospital.
- 3) Eliminate the requirement that provides medical care to a child who survives an abortion attempt.
- 4) Eliminate the requirement that a minor under the age of 18 have the consent of a parent, guardian, or the courts.
- 5) Provide state funding for women who cannot afford the procedure.

In order to understand the serious moral questions raised concerning the protection of human life, the specific wording of the bills must be examined closely. For example, that examination is particularly significant while considering the language that would allow for an abortion in the third trimester of a pregnancy. The two bills state in part:

A physician, acting within their lawful scope of practice, may perform an abortion when, according to the physician’s best medical judgment based on the facts of the patient’s case, the patient is beyond twenty- four weeks from the commencement of pregnancy and the abortion is necessary to protect the patient’s life or physical or mental health, or in cases of lethal fetal anomalies, or where the fetus is incompatible with sustained life outside the uterus. Medical judgement may be exercised in the light of all factors – physical, emotional, psychological, familial, and the person’s age – relevant to the well-being of the patient.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> HB 3320, lines 27-33; SB 1209, lines 25-32

In just these two sentences, the bills would make extreme changes to Massachusetts law. In addition to aborting infants with fetal anomalies or where the fetus is incompatible with sustained life outside of the uterus, it allows physicians to perform abortions up until birth for a myriad of undefined reasons (ie: physical, emotional, psychological, familial, age) to protect a woman's life, physical health or mental health. The result would become abortion on demand for the full term of pregnancy.

The Catholic Church has always upheld the dignity of human life and spoken out against abortion at all stages of pregnancy. As Bishops we are encouraged by the most recent statistics which clearly indicate that the rate of abortions in both this state and across the country has significantly decreased over the past 40 years. In fact, the rates today are 50% lower than the rates in 1980. However, at a time when the overall number of abortions have decreased, society cannot now accept such an egregious attack on human life as these bills would provide.

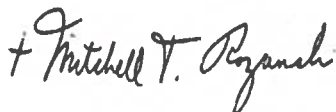
Therefore, we, the Roman Catholic Bishops of the four Dioceses of Massachusetts, call on our elected officials to carefully consider the consequences that these bills would bring to the lives of infants, parents, families and the citizens of the Commonwealth. We urge all people of good will, regardless of what faith they practice, to vigorously oppose these extreme measures.



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

**CLOW- CHILDREN K-6: CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:** Today, Sunday, April 14 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., April 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	
Mon., April 15 - 19	NO CLASSES Holy Week and School Vacation	
Sun., April 21	NO CLASSES	Easter Sunday
Mon., April 22	NO CLASSES	Easter Sunday

**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 are no ongoing.

**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. Good Friday is a solemn day to remember Christ's Passion and death. **REHEARSALS:** Children participating in the Stations of the Cross must attend the two rehearsals on Tuesday, April 16 and Wednesday, April 17 from 4 to 5:30 PM.

**GRADE 5 GENERAL SESSION ON MARY:** Bob Doolittle will speak to the Grade 5 students on Tuesday, **April 23 from 4:00 to 5:30 PM** on our Blessed Mother. He will have a presentation on Marian apparitions and guide the students on the Holy Rosary. Teachers are to attend. Parents and parishioners are welcome.

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

**GRADE 9 RETREAT – MONDAY, APRIL 29:** Students who have signed up for this retreat and those who missed the first retreat will meet in Fr. Haley Hall at 4:45 PM. New Spirit will be sponsoring the retreat and guiding the students in prayer, song, and fun activities. For questions please contact Jake Thiringer at 429-6076 or at [stmarysym1870@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysym1870@gmail.com).

**GRADE 9 – CONFIRMATION I:** Grade 9 classes will meet on Tuesday, April 23 and Thursday, April 25 in Fr. Haley Hall from 6:30 to 8:30 PM.

**ADULT FORMATION PROGRAM:** Please keep posted for further announcements regarding the spring Tuesday series. The winter session has ended.

**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.

**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](mailto: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.*