

He is **RISEN**...
and we are
Alive!
IN CHRIST



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!

Reconciliation: 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.

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
 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 Vasco & Pauline Brovelli. Please join them in prayer for an unborn child. May God bless you!

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.



2019 EASTER COLLECTION: 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.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: The Knights of Columbus will be leading a prayer service immediately after each Mass next weekend, Divine Mercy Weekend (April 27-28). The service will consist solely of praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet and will take less than 10 minutes. All interested parishioners are invited to remain in the church after Mass. The chaplet is very easy to learn and is a beautiful prayer. (Prayer cards will be provided.)

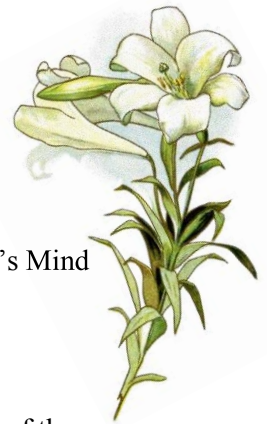


2019 EASTER CANDLE:

This year's Easter Candle has been given in loving memory of Melissa Bachman. The Easter Candle is used at Masses during the Easter Season and at every Baptism and Funeral throughout the year. It represents the light of Christ's Resurrection conquering the darkness of sin and death.

UPCOMING MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	April 22	
9:00	Larry Marsell, Jr.	
Tuesday	April 23	
9:00	Genevieve Calapa	
Wednesday	April 24	
9:00	Diane Gootman	
Thursday	April 25	
9:00	Scott Mayo, Month's Mind	
Friday	April 26	
9:00	Melissa Bachman	
Saturday	April 27	
9:00	Phyllis Weidig	
5:00	Deceased Members of the LaRoche & D'Aloia Families	
7:30	Robert Quinn, 3 rd Anv.	
Sunday	April 28	
7:30	People of St. Mary's	
9:30	Martin J. O'Neill, Jr., 12 th Anv.	
11:30	Walter "D" Robbins	



WINGS (Women in God's Spirit): Is a ministry of encouragement and enrichment for women who seek to deepen their faith and grow in relationship with God and one another. 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 information call Linda Calabrese at (508) 893-7919.

WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS:

"We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song!"
 - Pope Saint John Paul II



Saint Mary's Parish

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April 21, 2019
Easter Sunday

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

Rejoice! Rejoice for the Lord has risen as He promised! Rejoice because death has forever lost its power over us! Rejoice to gather together on this holiest of days, united as the Church in our Savior's love! Rejoice!

St. Mary's has special cause for rejoicing this weekend as we receive a new brother into the Catholic faith. Please welcome Alexander Barberio, who is receiving First Communion and Confirmation at our Easter Vigil. Please also congratulate parishioner Sophia Lindsay as she makes her First Communion at that same celebration. Always, the initiation of new persons into the Church invites us to consider our own place as members of the Living Body of Christ. To be a Catholic is to be part of a community of believers who are committed to assisting one another as we journey together in the Lord. It's not by accident that Jesus never sent His disciples off alone, but always two by two. In this way, they were able to support and encourage each another along the difficult but royal road of the Cross – the way of forgiveness and sacrificial love that alone will bring us safely home to God.

Today's Gospel tells us that on the first Easter morning when Mary Magdalene came alone to the tomb and found it empty she was filled with distress. In contrast, when Peter and the Beloved Disciple ran to the tomb together, they began to believe in the Resurrection. The simple lesson here is that we are not meant to seek Christ alone. That is why the faster, Beloved Disciple waited for Peter to catch up before entering the tomb. It is when we seek the Risen Lord together as Church that faith and hope unfold most readily before us. Nowhere is this truth more evident than when we gather each week for Sunday Eucharist – the Sacrament and mystery by which we are united to Christ and one another. Jesus is risen, but when we gather in His Holy Name and receive together the precious gift of His Body and Blood, He is with us still.

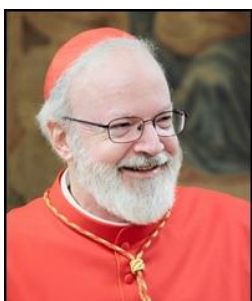
It is a wonderful adventure to experience the living presence of Jesus and to follow Him in our daily lives. Our share in His Resurrection begins now and extends unto eternity. If you find yourself this Easter feeling disconnected from the Lord, then there is no more appropriate time to welcome Him anew into your life. If you live nearby, we invite you to return here next Sunday and find out more about following Jesus. If you live far away, we hope that you will seek out a parish family near you that will support you as you grow in His faith and love. On behalf of all of us here at St. Mary's, I wish you and your loved ones a blessed and joyful Easter.

In Christ's Service and Yours,

Rev. Mark J. Coiro
Pastor

SAINT MARY'S PARISH IN HOLLISTON TURNS 150 YEARS OLD NEXT YEAR!

Those 150 years represent untold moments of ministry and grace that have blessed generations of Catholics in Holliston and the surrounding communities. We give thanks to God for this beautiful family of faith and ask Him to watch over and guide us into the future. There will be many special events to mark this Anniversary, including a Gala, a new History of St. Mary's Book, the commissioning of an original St. Mary's Hymn, a Concert, a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, and the establishment of a new Charity to assist and connect with the Christians there. **Additionally:**



From February 9-11, 2020, Mr. Jon Leonetti will lead St Mary's in a 3-night Parish Anniversary Mission entitled, "Surge of the Heart." Jon is a nationally known Catholic speaker, best-selling author and radio host who conveys a message of lasting fulfillment in Jesus Christ. Through Jon's keynote presentations and parish missions, thousands of Catholics each year discover the freedom Christ offers by way of His life and love.

On Sunday, April 26, 2020, at 11:30 AM, our Archbishop, Cardinal Sean O'Malley, will celebrate Sunday Mass at St. Mary's in Holliston for the first time, joining us to mark our 150th year as a Parish Family. We are honored to welcome His Eminence. Save the date!



SILVER JUBILEE: This Spring our Pastor, Fr. Mark Coiro, is one of six Boston Priests celebrating his Silver Jubilee. He was ordained to the priesthood 25 years ago, on May 21, 1994. In the Catholic tradition, priests celebrate their 25th and 50th Anniversaries. Fr. Mark was installed as the Pastor of St. Mary’s thirteen years ago, meaning that more than half of his priestly service has been to the people of our parish. He is also the first priest in our Parish’s long history to minister here alone, having been “solo” at St. Mary’s for the past ten years. All are invited to Fr. Mark’s Silver Jubilee Mass, on the Feast of Pentecost, Sunday, June 9, at 11:30 AM. A reception luncheon will follow in Fr. Haley Hall.

The Silver Jubilee Mass will be concelebrated by a number of Fr. Mark’s brother priests, including several formerly assigned to St. Mary’s. Bishop Mark O’Connell will also be a participant. This 25th Anniversary is a wonderful opportunity to thank Father for the countless ways he has served our people over the years – in our times both of joy and of sorrow.

Knowing of his love of travel, a group of parishioners is organizing a special 25th Anniversary gift for Fr. Mark in the form of a trip to Rome. To contribute, just place a separate envelope marked, “Fr. Mark’s 25th Anniversary” in any collection basket, or mail it c/o Mary Beth Harris to the Rectory at 8 Church St. All who contribute will have their names listed on a card to accompany this special gift when it is presented to Father on June 9. If preferred, you may also provide your own card or note for us to include with the gift. As always, let us keep Father Mark and all our faithful priests in our prayers!

ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES IN CHRIST (EPIC): Our April Meeting is next Sunday, April 28 from 7:30 – 8:45 PM in FHH. Anyone in high school is welcome to attend! Come for a great time of games, fun, faith, food, friends and much more! Those going on the Mission Trip to Gainesville this Summer who were not at the Mission Trip Meeting should see Jake to pick up the second round of paperwork (due May 15), as well as their prayer partner card. Please email our youth minister Jake Thiringer with questions at stmarysym1870@gmail.com.

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 8th Grade parents & teens who are our special guests); Prayer & Closing Ceremony; Awards & Honoring of MSYG 8th 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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2019: 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 now open. VBS week begins on Monday, July 22 through Friday, July 26 from 9:00 AM to Noon.



SAINT MARY’S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NOTICES

APRIL VACATION: Mon., April 15 – Fri., April 19.
CLOW: Resumes on Sunday, April 28, 2019.

DAY	GRADE	GRADE
Mon., April 22	NO CLASSES	Easter Monday
Tues., April 23	GR-4 at 4:00 PM	GR-5 at 4:00 PM
	GR-9 at 6:30 PM	
Wed., April 24	GR-7 at 6:00 PM	
Thur., April 25	GR-9 at 6:30 PM	
Sun., April 28	GR-2 at 8:10 AM	GR-2 at 10:45 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	GR-7 at 5:30 PM

GR-5 GENERAL SESSION: Tuesday, April 23 from 4:00 to 5:30 PM in Fr. Haley Hall with Bob Doolittle on the Apparitions of Mary. All are welcome!

GR-2 REVIEW SESSIONS: Held on Sunday, April 28 at 8:10 and 10:45 AM and Wednesday, May 1 at 4:15 PM in RM 3 – 4. Attendance is necessary and teachers must also be present.

MAY DEVOTION ~ THURS., MAY 2 AT 6:00 PM: Come and join Grades 3, 4 and 5 to honor our Blessed Mother Mary and pray the Rosary together. The Mary statue will be crowned with flowers by the children.