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Proverbs 31:25-28



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

Holy Days: Announced

Adoration Schedule: First Fridays from 9:30-10:30 AM

Our Mission:

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.



Saint Mary's Parish

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May 12, 2019 4th Sunday of Easter

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

Back in 2010, I wrote to each family in St. Mary's Parish asking all to consider a reasonable increase in their weekly giving. Our people responded generously and, combined with the Grand Annual, this faithful weekly support has allowed St. Mary's to pay her operating expenses.

Nine years later, I am once again asking you to consider increasing your weekly giving to your parish. Simply put, expenses have risen significantly since 2010, and the \$11,900 weekly offertory we have relied on since then is no longer adequate to pay all parish expenses – even with the Grand Annual collection. Our Business Manager and Finance Council calculate that a \$15,000 weekly offertory is needed to stabilize St. Mary's finances. That is where our weekly offertory average would be if it had increased \$344 a year over the past nine years.

Matters have become urgent, as St. Mary's has experienced a \$20,000 drop in offertory in the current fiscal year to date. Expenses are also up \$20,000 during that same period, largely due to four new replacement hires for retired staff. Another reason we cannot put off increasing our weekly offertory, is the church reflooring and pew repair work scheduled for this August. This major project will be paid for by the 2019 Grand Annual next fall, but we need to be able to cover the deposits and other "up front" costs while still paying all our regular bills.

I therefore ask that you **please use the Offertory Pledge Form you received in the mail this past week** to consider how you can increase your support of your parish. Pray about what your Catholic faith and St. Mary's means to you and your family. Then return the pledge form as soon as possible by mail or by placing it in any Mass collection basket.

I make this request acknowledging that each family has unique financial blessings and challenges. If those who are able increase their weekly giving in a manner consistent with their means, then St. Mary's will meet this challenge, even as we did nine years ago.

As you consider your ability to increase your giving, please also make a commitment to supporting St. Mary's in a consistent manner. For years, we have encouraged automated giving through your bank, and now we have added online giving to ensure convenience in your consistent stewardship of St. Mary's. You will find information about online giving in this bulletin and on our website at www.stmarysholliston.com.

As your pastor, I consider my primary responsibility to you to be spiritual. At the same time, I know that you expect me to keep the lights on, to maintain our buildings, and to ensure that St. Mary's is fully staffed and equipped to support you year-round according to your need. I therefore place this matter into your good hands, confident that you will be there for your parish, even as your parish is always there for you.

God bless you.

Rev. Mark J. Coiro Pastor



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

THIS MAY, ST. MARY'S PARISH IS CONDUCTING AN "INCREASED WEEKLY GIVING CAMPAIGN."

- This past week you received a letter with a request for your increased commitment to the weekly offertory.

- Please pray about what your Catholic faith and St. Mary's mean to you. Discuss your parish's need as a family, and then please respond generously with a weekly offertory increase reflective of your means.

- An Offertory Pledge Form was enclosed with your letter. Please return it by mail or by placing it in the collection basket on commitment weekend, May 11 & 12, *or anytime thereafter*.

- Please be as consistent as possible with your weekly offertory support, making it up when away, or using either the automatic banking **or the new online giving resource available - details below.**



ST. MARY'S NEW ONLINE GIVING OPTION IS NOW LIVE

Starting this weekend, Online Giving is available for St. Mary's Parishioners through **WeShare**, an easy and convenient way to save time and support your Parish. Donating is simple and completely secure.

With **WeShare**, you can set up a recurring weekly or monthly transaction using your checking, savings, <u>or credit card account</u>.

The benefits of online giving with WeShare include web access at all times, the ability to schedule your payments to coincide with your pay period, and the ease of adjusting your contributions at any time.

You can allocate different amounts for different collections and make your donations one-time or recurring. You can setup WeShare yourself using their secure web site, which will give you the ability to look at your giving history whenever you wish.

If you would like to enroll in **WeShare** Online Giving, please visit <u>https://stmarysholliston.weshareonline.org</u>. If you have any questions or concerns about the program or would like help setting up your account, please call our Parish Secretary Mary Beth at 508-429-4427. 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



BIRTHRIGHT CARNATIONS:

The Mother's Day Carnation Project is the primary fundraising event held by Birthright of Framingham. Carnations will be available after all Masses this

weekend, May 11 and 12. The Birthright Center is staffed entirely by volunteers and does not charge for its services, but relies on donations from generous supporters to continue helping pregnant women in need. Checks can be made out to Birthright of Framingham, 79A Main St., Framingham 01702. Any and all contributions are gratefully accepted.



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

LAST SUNDAY'S PARISH OFFERTORY:

Mass Collections: S Automatic Giving: S Total Offertory: S

\$ 8,972.00 \$ 4,207.00 \$ 13,179.00

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

THIS WEEKEND IS ST. MARY'S

COMMITMENT WEEKEND ~ For the first time in nine years, St. Mary's is conducting an Increased
Weekly Giving Campaign. Please return the Pledge
Card you received in the mail this weekend, May 11 & 12, or as soon as possible thereafter. It may be placed in any Mass collection basket, or mailed in. Thank you for your generous stewardship of your parish.

PRAYERS AND MASS INTENTIONS:

| May 11 | | |
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| Joan Mullen | | |
| Dianne Gootman | | |
| May 12 | | |
| People of St. Mary's | | |
| Catherine Martha Whalen | | |
| Fr. Haley | | |
| May 13 | | |
| Therese Monty | | |
| May 14 | | |
| Fr. Haley | | |
| May 15 | | |
| Dolores Wilverding | | |
| May 16 | | |
| Paul T. Shea | | |
| May 17 | | |
| Alfred & Nancy Ranieri | | |
| May 18 | | |
| No Mass ~ 1 st Communions | | |
| No Confessions ~ 1 st Communions | | |
| Nicholas Rossini | | |
| Mabel Ligouri | | |
| May 19 | | |
| People of St. Mary's | | |
| Dr. James Boyd | | |
| Mass for St. Mary's | | |
| Graduating Class of 2019 | | |
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CLASS OF 2019 MASS FOR GRADUATES: Next Sunday, May 19, at 11:30 AM, St. Mary's will offer her 6th Annual Mass for Graduates. This year our parish has teens graduating from eight different schools. The Mass will include a special Blessing of Graduates, the Presentation of the 2019 Blessed Mother Scholarship, and a Student Speaker (**Sean Jewett**). The Mass is followed by a light reception in Fr. Haley Hall, and a Group Class Photo for the Newsletter. Come congratulate our graduates!





MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP ~ END OF YEAR CLOSING CEREMONY & POT LUCK: <u>Next</u> 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 (pic below) and Scavenger Hunt Sign Ups; Summer raft team sign ups; and a Giant Slideshow Movie of all this past Year's events!



ST. MARY'S EPIC HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP: We will have an extra EPIC meeting on Father's Day, June 16 in FHH from 7:30 – 8:45 PM. This meeting was recently scheduled and was not on our original calendar. This will allow teens to get the last of their 5 EPIC meeting attendances to go on the Mission Trip, and will be a lot of fun. The final round of paperwork with final payments for our July 14-20 mission trip to Gainesville, Florida is due Wednesday, May 15 to the St. Mary's Rel Ed Office. Questions? Email Jake Thiringer at stmarysym1870@gmail.com.

INTERFAITH PRAYER SERVICE FOR THE CAUSE OF ADDICTION: An interfaith prayer service will be held on Wednesday, May 22 for the cause of addiction. Everyone interested in this cause is welcome, regardless of faith. Rabbi Steven Edelman-Blank from Temple Beth Torah, Reverend Nathan Detering from the Unitarian Universalist Area Church in Sherborn, and Deacon John Barry from St. Mary's Catholic Church in Holliston will represent the Holliston area faiths. Community Impact, a mental health organization in Milford active in the coalition against drug addiction in the Metrowest Region, will give a short talk and discuss resources for those in need. The prayer service will begin at 7:00 PM in Father Haley Hall, located behind St. Mary's Church, 8 Church Street, Holliston.

FATIMA DAY: Monday, May 13 begins a new year of Marian Devotions at Fatima Shrine, Summer Street, Holliston, commemorating the apparitions at Fatima in Portugal that took place in 1917. On the 13 of each month from May to October people are welcomed to an evening of prayer and song culminating with the candlelight procession and Rosary outdoors. This year's theme is Women of Salvation History looking at Eve, Deborah, Esther, Ruth, the wife of Manoah, ending with Mary the mother of Jesus. The evening begins with sacred song at 6:30 PM. Mass is at 7:00 PM and the candlelight procession and Rosary is at 8:00 PM followed by fellowship in Xavier Hall. All are welcome.

PLEASE DO NOT TOUCH THE EASTER CANDLE! Last Sunday, the Easter candle was damaged by someone who put it out improperly after the 11:30 Mass. This is the third time this has happened since Easter. Only clergy and trained adults whom they assign should touch the Easter Candle. If the Easter Candle is burning and you are the last one there, please alert the pastor. If you see someone approaching the Easter Candle after Mass with the metal torches we use to light and extinguish the smaller candles, PLEASE STOP THEM! Using these to try and put out the Easter Candle pushes the wick under liquid wax which then hardens over it, covers and coats the metal torch bell with wax, and drips wax all over the candle and floor. This removal of liquid wax then causes the candle to burn improperly. We use a black metal plate, placed atop the metal candle follower, to neatly extinguish the Easter Candle. Thank you!

CREATION CARE TEAM: Here are this week's environmental tips from the Catholic Climate Covenant's list of 10 ways you can make a difference: adjust the thermostat, make fewer driving trips by consolidating errands, and petition lawmakers. You can find additional suggestions at https://catholicclimatecovenant.org/resource/10-ways-you-can-make-difference.

THE ROSE FOR LIFE: Is sponsored this week by the Kampersal Family. Please join them in prayer for an unborn child. To sponsor the Rose for Life for 2019/2020 please call the Rectory at 429-4427.



From the Pastor's Desk

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

Happy Mother's Day! A blessed and happy Mother's Day to the moms of St. Mary's and to all our mothers wherever they may be. A mother's love speaks to us so powerfully of God's own love - a love that is sacrificial, unstinting and always ready to forgive. It is no accident that the Church herself is referred to as a Mother, guiding her children in love and always ready to welcome them home.

Yesterday, the first two of our three groups of St. Mary's First Communicants drew closer to Christ and their Mother the Church through the Sacrament of Eucharist. Their names are listed in this bulletin. Please pray for them, that meeting Jesus in Holy Communion will greatly enrich and strengthen their spiritual lives. We pray also that the experience of receiving Holy Communion each week with their loved ones will serve to bring unity and peace to their families. The family that prays together really is more likely to stay together. All of this weekend's First Communicants will be presented with certificates as they make their Second Communion at Sunday Mass. Please greet and congratulate them as we celebrate their arrival at the table of the Lord!

In Christ's Peace,

DATES TO REMEMBER: On Saturday, May 18 there will be no morning Mass and no Noontime Confessions at St. Mary's due to First Communions. The following week the Xaverian Missionaries will be on Retreat, so there will be no Mass on Monday, May 20 at 9 AM. Please keep all the Xaverian Fathers in your prayers.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ELEVENTH ANNUAL CHARITY RAFFLE: One raffle ticket costs \$5 and a book of five tickets sell for \$20. Grand prize is \$1000! Proceeds from this fund raiser have benefitted local charities such as the Holliston Pantry Shelf, Holliston Senior Center, as well as our St. Mary's Parish. Various Veterans charities such as Homes for our Troops, IPODS for Veterans, and Habitat for Humanity have been given donations. Tickets will be sold on weekends in the Spring at downtown Holliston stores and grocery stores in Medway, Ashland, Bellingham, and Milford.

| MUSIC | 5:00 PM | 9:30 AM | 11:30 AM |
|-------------|----------------|-----------|----------|
| Entrance | TM #80 | #67 | #67 |
| Offertory | #624 | #467 | - |
| Communion | #339 | #457, 334 | #368 |
| Recessional | TM #102 | #713 | #713 |



RAFFLE FOR YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S CHOIRS:

St. Mary's Youth and Children's Choirs will be attending a week-long *Royal*

School of Church Music (RSCM) Course in Wilkes-Barre, PA from July 22- 28. Taking place in the scenic Appalachian Mountains, this course is the largest of its kind in North America, and will allow our Choristers the opportunity to sing in a 180 person chorus, under the direction of world class musicians. To help fund this exciting opportunity, we will be raffling a Bose Wave SoundTouch Music System IV, valued at \$599.95! This stereo system is complete with a CD player, AM/FM radio, and is compatible with Bluetooth, WiFi, Spotify and other similar apps! Tickets can be purchased for \$5 each or 3 for \$10. Tickets will be on sale after all Masses the weekend of May 25- May 26. If you would like to purchase tickets at a time other than this, please email Kevin Lyczak at musicatstmarysholliston@gmail to set up a time! The drawing will take place after the Choir Promotion Mass at 9:30 AM on June 2, also during Donuts, Juice and Coffee!



MAY 24, SPRING CHORAL CONCERT, AN EVENING OF MENDELSSOHN AND RHEINBERGER

On Friday, May 24 at 7 PM, St. Mary's Adult, Youth and Children's Choirs will together present a program of fine choral music by the composers Josef Rheinberger and Felix Mendelssohn. Accompanied by Orchestra they will perform Rheinberger's Mass in C, op.169 as well as selections from Mendelssohn's Elijah and St. Paul. This event is free and open to all.



St. Mary's Congratulates This Weekend's First Communicants and Rejoices to Welcome Them To the Table of the Lord!



Evalyn Vera Adams Alyssa Carol Balardini Allison Beatrice Barrett **Benjamin James Bartels** Michaela Ryan Behr Owen Warren Bresnahan Michael Stephen Bukow Nolan Joseph Browne Kiernan Joseph Capela Patrick James Clark Caroline Ann Coughlin **Orson Michael Daniels** Evan Christopher Denault Madelyn Grace Devine Nicholas Daniel DiPippo Chelsea Josephine Dufault Victoria Elizabeth Edwards Colin Gregory Ehret Audrina M. Facey Kaiya Marie Ferranti Neil Joseph Finneran Liam Peter Forbes Margaret Elizabeth Gallagher Tate Richard Garran

William Armand Hayes Maddox Vaughn Heidelberg Ella Young Holden Dina Tosca Intinarelli Steven Robert Kearney Ryan Robert Klimeczko **Christopher James Landers** Anabelle Sidney Lorance Mackenzie Elizabeth McDonald Quinn Joseph McErlean Sean Michael McGuinness Brenna Anne McShane Jack Joseph McShane Gabriel Belete Norton Tyson Chakebo Norton Noah Edward Payne Colin Joseph Plant Chase Anthony Ricupero Charles Andrew Rotz Helen Elizabeth Sencio Colin M. Shaw Emma Rose Starr Noah Angelo Trombino Gabrielle Rose Truax Riley Noelle Young

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. All are invited to Fr. Mark's Silver Jubilee Mass, on <u>the Feast of Pentecost, Sunday, June 9, at 11:30 AM</u>. 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. Representing the Cardinal, 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!

CLOW- CHILDREN K-6: CHILDREN'S LITURGY

OF THE WORD: Today, Sunday, May 12, 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 |
|----------------|------------------|------------------|
| Mon., May 13 | GR-4 at 3:00 PM | GR-8 at 6:00 PM |
| Tues., May 14 | GR-10 at 6:30 PM | |
| Wed., May 15 | GR-8 at 6:00 PM | |
| Thurs., May 16 | GR-2 at 4:15 PM | GR-10 at 6:30 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. This is a five day experience where kids learn *life is wild* and *God is Good*. Registration is currently open. Deadline is May 31.

FAMILY BASE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION -

GRADES 3 - 5: In order for Home Base children to be promoted to the next grade level they must have their end of the year assessment. GR-3 will meet on Monday, Tuesday, May 14 at 3:00 PM with Fran Crespi on the above dates in her office. For questions contact Fran at: <u>st.marysdre1870@gmail.com</u>

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATIONS FOR 2019-2020 ARE DUE BY JUNE 14, 2019: If you are a new family to St. Mary's and have school age children, our Religious Education Program offers Faith Formation beginning in Pre-K through Grade 10. We welcome all families to join our community of faith and experience the many programs St. Mary's offers to assist in our lifelong journey and relationship with God. Call the R.E. office and request a registration form or go to parish forms on our website at <u>www.stmarysholliston.com</u> and download the forms. Please help us achieve a smooth transition in September and return our forms today.

COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS: Tuesday, May 21 at 7:45 PM in the Library.

GRADE 10 – CONFIRMATION II: Grade 10 classes will meet on Tuesday, May 14 and Thursday, May 16 in Fr. Haley Hall from 6:30 to 8:30 PM.

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 <u>www.virtusonline.org</u>, 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 by the end of April**. 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 <u>st.marysre1870@gmail.com</u>. 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 <u>st.marysdre@gmail.com</u> 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.

FIRST COMMUNION REHEARSALS: Parents are to bring their child to Fr. Haley Hall on rehearsal day to check in. One parent MUST remain with their child during the rehearsal.

| MASS | REHEARSAL DATE |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Sat., May 18 at 10:30 AM | Thur., May 16 at 4:15 PM |

GRADE-PK TO GR-7 COORDINATOR MEETING: Thursday, May 23 at 7:30 PM in Room 3 - 4. Coordinators will meet to review the final edits of the Master Calendar for 2019-2020.