

*"Behold, I am coming soon.  
I bring with me the  
recompense I will give to  
each according to his deeds.*

*I am the Alpha and the  
Omega, the first and the last,  
the beginning and the end."*

**Rev. 22:12-13**



# 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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Religious Education Phone: (508) 429 - 6076  
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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.

**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

**PRAYERS AND MASS INTENTIONS:**

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| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>June 1</b>  |
| 5:00             | Isaac de Guzman, 38 <sup>th</sup> Anv.                                       |
| 7:30             | Marion Kampersal   |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>June 2</b>  |
| 7:30             | People of St. Mary's   |
| 9:30             | Choir Promotion Mass   |
| 11:30            | Marie Meehan, 7 <sup>th</sup> Anv.   |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>June 3</b>  |
| 9:00             | Catherine MacNeil  |
| 10:30            | Funeral ~ Ernest Nichols Jr.   |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>June 4</b>  |
| 9:00             | Rev. John McNeil   |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>June 5</b>  |
| 9:00             | Paul T. Shea   |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>June 6</b>  |
| 9:00             | Barbara, Nat & Mark Trembath   |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>June 7</b>  |
| 9:00             | Constantina DeCenso  |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>June 8</b>  |
| 9:00             | Funeral ~ Mary Perry   |
| 5:00             | Nicholas Rossini   |
| 7:30             | Helen Fleming  |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>June 9</b>  |
| 7:30             | People of St. Mary's   |
| 9:30             | Stephen Warren, 21 <sup>st</sup> Anv.  |
| 11:30            | 25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Priesthood Mass<br>for our Pastor, Fr. Mark! |

**STEWARDSHIP***Managing God's Gifts To Us***SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND:**

Next week's second collection supports the formation and training of seminarians in the Archdiocese of Boston for future service as priests. We are blessed that many are responding to the call to serve as priests. For more information please visit [www.VocationBoston.org](http://www.VocationBoston.org).

**WEEKLY OFFERTORY NEEDED TO PAY OUR PARISH'S BILLS: \$15,000.****LAST SUNDAY'S PARISH OFFERTORY:**

Mass Collections: \$ 8,836.00  
 Automatic Giving: \$ 598.00  
 Total Offertory: \$ 9,434.00

**Offertory Shortfall Last Weekend: \$5,566.00****INCREASED WEEKLY GIVING PLEDGE FORMS:**

We have received commitments from **14%** of our regular weekly parishioners/families to increase their support. Thank you to all of those who have made a pledge!

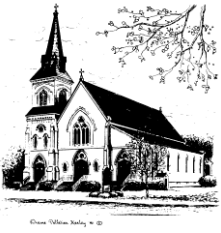
If you have not yet had a chance to make a commitment, please help ensure stability and growth for St. Mary's. Return your Pledge Form in any collection basket, indicating an increase in your weekly offertory support if you are able.

**DONUTS, JUICE & COFFEE:** We invite all parishioners and their families to Fr. Haley Hall after the 9:30 AM Mass today, Sunday, June 2, for D, J & C! The Parish Council will be there if you have any comments or suggestions regarding the Parish.

**SMWG:** St. Mary's Women's Group will meet on Wednesday, June 12 in the Center Library at one o'clock for our Ice Cream Social. Ice cream can be put in the kitchen freezer in the Parish Kitchen. Any questions please call Pat Strozzi at 508-654-2723. Come and enjoy an afternoon of fun.

**THE ROSE FOR LIFE:** Is sponsored this week by Raymond and Carole Moloney. Please join them in prayer for an unborn child.

**RECTORY OFFICE SUMMER HOURS:** Please note that during the summer months of June, July and August the Rectory Office is closed on Mondays and Tuesdays. On other weekdays it remains open the usual 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM hours. Mass Cards may also be obtained at the Religious Education Office. Have a safe and faith filled summer!



# Saint Mary's Parish

8 Church St. ~ Holliston, MA ~ 01746 ~ (508) 429-4427

June 2, 2019  
7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

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

I congratulate our Music Director Kevin Lyczak and all three choirs under his direction for the beautiful Spring Concert they performed the Friday before last. It was truly a lovely evening that raised minds and hearts to God. It's been said that beauty is a sign of the presence of the Holy Spirit, and the Spirit was definitely with us that night. Well done!

This coming Wednesday I will be gathering for Mass with Cardinal O'Malley and the five other Boston priests marking their 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Priesthood this spring. It was very kind of His Eminence to invite us, and I look forward to the celebration. I would also like to thank in advance the parishioners who have so generously organized our parish celebration of my Silver Jubilee next Sunday. They have not let me in on all the details, but I know it is in good hands. I thank in advance Joanne O'Connell, whom I understand has organized a delicious repast for us all following the Mass. The last time a priest's Silver Jubilee was celebrated at St. Mary's was way back in 1977, and I am truly blessed to be sharing mine with you. I look forward to reflecting on the ministry of priesthood, and what the good people of St. Mary's mean to me. A priest has no purpose without the people he serves.

This past Thursday we celebrated the Holy Day of the Ascension. Together we heard the story of Jesus' Ascension to heaven, His promise of the Holy Spirit, and His commission to the disciples and all of us to preach His Gospel throughout the world. Now today, the scriptures tell us of the very first death of a Christian – St. Stephen, who was martyred for his proclamation of Jesus. We are told that Stephen saw Jesus seated at the right hand of the Father in heaven, reminding us that Jesus returned to heaven in order to make a place for us there. Stephen saw the heaven's opening, and his loving Lord before him. And that is what Christ promises that every faithful Christian shall see when our earthy journey has run its course.

Looking down from heaven to earth for a moment, I must alert you that the need to strengthen St. Mary's weekly offertory – and to keep it consistent through Online Giving – has become acute. As you will see in this bulletin, the Memorial Day Weekend offertory came in over \$5,000 short of what is needed to pay St. Mary's bills. This hit our parish hard because it was the same week that we needed to pay our twice monthly payroll of \$16,764.00. We were forced therefore to cut into our very small emergency reserve. Most of the rest of that reserve will be needed to cover a major, unplanned church A/C and Heating System repair that just hit us, as well as a termite infestation under the rectory kitchen discovered just three days ago. There is no reason for a parish of our strength and size to be experiencing this financial stress. How can you help?

- 1) If you were away last weekend, please make up your missed weekly offertory as soon as possible.
- 2) Return the Offertory Pledge Form you were mailed, making a pledge of weekly offertory support that reflects the means with which you have been blessed, and making an increase if possible.
- 3) **Please switch to Online Giving so that your support is there even on Memorial Day or other weekends you are away. Your parish's bills have to be paid whether you are travelling or not.**

The Financial stewardship of St. Mary's is the responsibility of all who call our parish their spiritual home. It is also a sign of our spiritual health. Jesus said, *"Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."* If we don't invest in something, we tend to stop caring about it. And we need to care about St. Mary's. It is where our children are Baptized, our Married Lives begin, and it is the final stop before we are laid to rest in Christ when our travelling days are done. In a world where voices of hate and division become louder every day, St. Mary's is a place where the Good News of God's love for us is proclaimed. It is where we connect to our better selves, embracing with the help of Word and Sacrament a nobler and holier way of life – the way of sacrificial love that leads to the Father. St. Mary's is always there for you. Please be there for St. Mary's in this moment of challenge.

God bless you.

Rev. Mark J. Coiro  
Pastor

# St. Mary's 2019 Memorial Day Weekend Offertory came up **\$ 5,566.00 short.** Please make the switch to **Online Giving** to get your parish through the Summer.

The St. Mary's Finance Council asks all parishioners not already using Automatic Giving through their bank to please consider using Online Giving. This is by far the most convenient way for you to give, and *the most helpful form of giving for your parish.*

With Online Giving you don't need to remember offertory envelopes or checkbooks when you come to Mass. As with Mass envelopes, you will receive an annual tax statement for your giving.

Your parish is protected against long holiday weekends, summer vacations, severe weather and other times that you may physically be away but St. Mary's still must pay her bills. With Online Giving, you don't have to remember to make up missed offertory.

## How does it work?



Online Giving is now 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, or credit card account.

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 <https://stmarysholliston.weshareonline.org>. 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.

**The Parish Family of St. Mary's, Holliston  
invites you to join us in celebrating  
the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Priestly Ordination  
of our Pastor**

**Rev. Mark Joseph Coiro  
on the Feast of Pentecost  
Sunday, June 9, 2019 at 11:30 AM.**

**Mass will be followed by  
a Reception Luncheon  
in Fr. Haley Hall.**



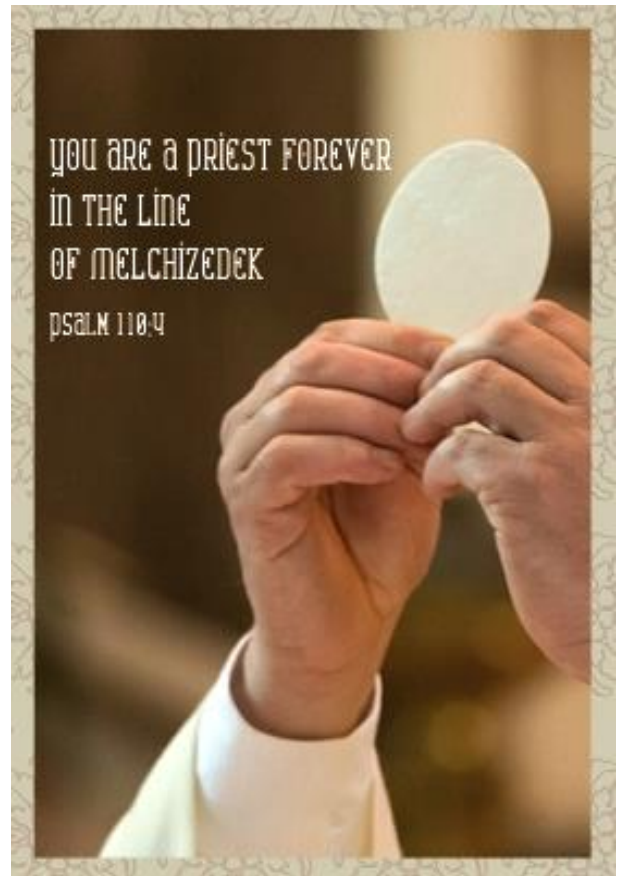
**The Silver Jubilee Mass will  
be concelebrated by ~  
Rev. James Flynn,  
Rev. David Lewis,  
Rev. Brian Mahoney,  
Monsignor Timothy Moran,  
Rev. Rocco Puopolo, sx,  
and Rev. Francis Signorelli, sx,  
with Bishop Mark O'Connell  
also participating.**

**SILVER JUBILEE GIFT ~ FINAL WEEK:** Knowing of his love of travel, a group of parishioners is organizing a special 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary gift for Fr. Mark in the form of a trip to Rome. To contribute, just place a separate envelope marked, “Fr. Mark’s 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary” in any collection basket, or mail it c/o Mary Beth Harris to the Rectory at 8 Church St. by this Friday, June 7. 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!

**WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS:** *“For when you see the Lord sacrificed, and laid upon the altar, and the priest standing and praying over the victim, and all the worshippers empurpled with that precious blood, can you then think that you are still among men, and standing upon the earth? Are you not, on the contrary, straightway translated to Heaven, and casting out every carnal thought from the soul, do you not with disembodied spirit and pure reason contemplate the things which are in Heaven?”*

– St. John Chrysostom

*“People who say that we priests are lonely are either lying or have got it all wrong. We are far less lonely than anyone else, for we can count on the constant company of the Lord, with whom we should be conversing without interruption. We are in love with Love, with the Author of Love!”* – St. Josemaria Escriva



**REGISTER FOR FALL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION BY JUNE 14:** The deadline to register your child / children for Religious Education Classes in Fall of 2019 is Friday, June 14. Class time choices are on a first come first served basis. Be sure to get your preferred time and day by registering on time. The Registration Form is now available on the St. Mary’s Website: [stmarysholliston.com](http://stmarysholliston.com), under Register / Parish Forms on the main page. Forms should be accompanied by full payment made out to St. Mary’s Parish. Scholarships or payment plans are available. Open to families with children entering Pre-K through Grade 10. Registrations have been mailed to current students. If you are new to Holliston and want to register your children please contact us at 508-429-6076 or at [st.marysre1870@gmail.com](mailto:st.marysre1870@gmail.com).

| MUSIC       | 5:00 PM | 9:30 AM | 11:30 AM |
|-------------|---------|---------|----------|
| Entrance    | #608    | #731    | #731     |
| Offertory   | #643    | -       | -        |
| Communion   | #359    | #323    | #364     |
| Recessional | #567    | #419    | #419     |



**THIS WEEKEND, 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 after all Masses this weekend. Or you may purchase tickets through Kevin Lyczak at [musicatstmarysholliston@gmail.com](mailto:musicatstmarysholliston@gmail.com) 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!

**PANTRY SHELF SUMMER HELP:** Regular coffee, applesauce, peanut butter, jelly, sugar, ketchup, mayonnaise, Chunky Soup, cookies, canned turkey/chicken, canned fruits, pasta sauce, canned tomatoes, toilet paper and cake and brownie mixes. Donations may be dropped off in the blue bin by the main parking lot entrance.

**COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS:** The Compassionate Friends is a nonprofit, nonsectarian, mutual assistance, self-help organization offering friendship and understanding to bereaved parents and siblings. Our primary purpose is to assist the bereaved in the positive resolution of the grief experienced upon the death of a child and to support their efforts to achieve physical and emotional health. The secondary purpose is to provide information and education about bereaved parents and siblings for those who wish to understand. Our objective is to help members of the community, including family, friends, employers, co-workers and professionals to be supportive. Meetings are open to all bereaved parents, grandparents and siblings. No dues or fees are required to belong to the Metrowest Chapter of The Compassionate Friends. The Compassionate Friends, Metrowest Chapter meets twice a month. The Tuesday evening meetings are on the third Tuesday from 7:30 to 9:30 PM in the Parish Library of St. Mary's Parish Center, 708 Washington Street, Holliston. The Tuesday afternoon meetings are held on the last Tuesday of the month next to St. Mary of the Assumption Church in Milford at the Parish Center. Please call Ed or Joan Motuzas at (508) 473-4239 by the last Monday or earlier if you plan to attend.



**ST. MARY'S EPIC HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP:** You should have or will soon receive a mailing with information regarding the St. Mary's Mission Trip Raffle, which will benefit a group of 55 teens and adults from St. Mary's EPIC who will spend a week this summer serving those in need in Gainesville, Florida. Those who did not yet turn in the final round of mission trip paperwork with final payments should do so to the St. Mary's Religious Education Office as soon as possible. We will have an extra EPIC meeting on Father's Day, June 16 in FHH from 7:30 – 8:45 PM. This meeting was not on our original schedule. 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. We will have a pre Mission Trip BBQ for Mission Trip Participants and their families on Sunday, June 30 in Father Haley Hall following the 11:30 AM Mass. Please email our youth minister Jake Thiringer with questions at smarysym1870@gmail.com.



#### **UPCOMING MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP SUMMER EVENTS:**

Kennebec Rafting: Sunday, June 23 - Monday, June 24  
Brownstone Quarry Park, CT: Tuesday, July 30  
Deerfield Rafting: Friday, August 16

**WINGS (*Women in God's Spirit*):** Is your life so busy that a few minutes of quiet each week is unavailable? Why not come to WINGS - a faith enrichment group for women of ALL ages - to discover God's lasting peace and joy. At WINGS, you will hear God's voice in your life and deepen your Catholic faith. The group meets weekly in the parish hall, on Wednesday mornings from September until May. Nurturing childcare is available for young children. We are currently assembling a new team of leaders. We would love to have your voice and ideas. For questions and information, please contact Jennifer Schiller at 617-852-9632.

**FATIMA SHRINE HEALING SERVICE:** Will be held on Wednesday, June 12. The Rosary will begin at 6:55 PM with mass at 7:15 PM followed by prayer for emotional and physical healing. Rev. Robert Perron, Pastor of St. Michael's Parish, Providence RI will preside. The evening is sponsored by the Vision of Peace Prayer Group. If you have any questions, call Ron Whinnem at (508) 655-1463.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 11<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CHARITY RAFFLE:** One raffle ticket costs \$5 and a book of five tickets sell for \$20. Grand prize is \$1,000! Proceeds from this fundraiser 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 this Spring at downtown Holliston stores and grocery stores in Medway, Ashland, Bellingham, and Milford.

**CLOW- CHILDREN K-6: CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:** CLOW will resume in September.

**PRE-K, KINDERGARTEN, GRADE 1 AND NEW FAMILIES:** If you are a new family to St. Mary's Parish and have children entering Pre-K, Kindergarten, or Grade 1 through 10 and would like to be a part of our faith formation program for 2019-2020, please call the R.E. Office at 508-429-6076 and ask for a registration form. Registrations are also on the parish website at [www.stmarysholliston.com](http://www.stmarysholliston.com) under "Faith Education /Youth Religious Education/Registration." Please note that children must complete Grade 1 before entering our Grade 2 Program.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATIONS FOR 2019-2020 ARE DUE BY JUNE 14:** Please help our staff prepare for a smooth transition in September and return your forms today. All it takes is a **\$50.00 deposit and a payment plan**. Scholarships are available so please register now so that we can recruit and train the teachers needed.



**TITHING OUR TIME, GIFTS AND TALENTS FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD:** Our wonderful faith formation programs depend on volunteers like you to help our families, children and youth to live out their faith actively. Christ calls us to spread the Good News. Join the many volunteers who build up the community of faith by tithing your time to serve Christ and His family. Contact the R.E. Office for a volunteer form at 508-429-6076. We will be needing faith filled **Teachers** and **Monitors** for 2019 – 2020 at all grade levels.

**GRADE 2 TEACHERS ARE NEEDED:** Our second grade children will be preparing to receive Christ's mercy and forgiveness in the Sacrament of Penance and receive the Living Christ in Holy Communion. Please consider team teaching a Grade 2 class. This is a wonderful way to guide the children to know how Jesus shares His divine life with us in these Sacraments. There are two required teacher meetings during the year. Class selections are offered on alternate Sundays at 7:55 AM or 10:45 AM and Wednesdays at 4:15 PM. Classes meet for seventy-five minutes. Contact the RE Office at 508-429-6076 or [st.marysre1870@gmail.com](mailto:st.marysre1870@gmail.com) and request a volunteer form. Training and support will be provided by the DRE and Grade 2 Coordinators.

**CONFIRMATION MASSES:** Confirmation is scheduled for Saturday, September 28, 2019 at 10:30 AM and 1:30 PM. Our Youth Minister Jake Thiringer, along with Gustavo Bachman, will be contacting all Confirmation candidates within the next few weeks to complete their paperwork regarding Confirmation Mass selections, Certificate Mass selections, interview time and other important information. Please complete all paperwork before the interviews begin. The Night of Reflection is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 22 from 6 – 8 PM. Contact Jake with any questions at 508-429-6076 or [stmarysym1870@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysym1870@gmail.com).

**A GRADE 7 COORDINATOR IS NEEDED:** We are in need for one or two good faithful people to Coordinate Grade 7. Training will be provided by Mike Roberto and we have a lively and integrated 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. Classes run on alternate Sundays from 5 to 6:30 PM and on Wednesdays from 6 to 7:30 PM.

*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.*

**2019 CORI RENEWAL ALERT FOR ALL VOLUNTEER MINISTRIES:** If you are planning on chaperoning any summer events such as VBS or trips with St. Mary's Parish children and youth, please make sure that your CORI is up to date with the R.E. Office. All volunteers (18 years and older) must have a 2019 CORI on file and have taken **PGC workshop**. If you are unsure if your CORI is up to date, please contact Paula at 508-429-6076 or [st.marysre1870@gmail.com](mailto:st.marysre1870@gmail.com). A picture ID, passbook or driver's license is needed to complete or update a CORI.

**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.