



“Lo, the day is coming, blazing like an oven, when all the proud and all evildoers will be stubble, and the day that is coming will set them on fire, leaving them neither root nor branch, says the LORD of hosts. But for you who fear my name, there will arise the sun of justice with its healing rays.” MAL 3:19-20A

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:

“To know Christ and to make Him known.”

8 Church St., Holliston, MA 01746
Website: www.stmarysholliston.com
Email Address: St.marys1870@gmail.com
Rectory Phone: (508) 429 - 4427 or (508) 879 - 2322
Religious Education Phone: (508) 429 - 6076
Fax: (508) 429 - 3324

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.

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

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

November 17, 2019
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

"By your perseverance, you will secure your lives." These are Jesus' final words in our Gospel message today. *"By your perseverance, you will secure your lives."* This message takes on special meaning for those experiencing difficult times – financial troubles, serious health problems, or a relationship crisis with a loved one or even with God Himself.

Jesus encourages us to persevere through all such times of doubt and anxiety by remembering that the coming of God's Kingdom is assured – the Kingdom of justice and of light. When darkness seems to abound in our lives, it is easy to lose sight of this; but as Christians our hope is set not on success or health or happiness in this life, but on the good things waiting for us in the world to come. The "life" that Jesus wants us to secure is the next and eternal life, which is God's first purpose in our lives.

Those who persevere successfully through the troubles of this life are those who invite God to walk with them and work with them through it; those who invite God to use moments both good and bad to shape them into better Christians. Father John Yates of Falls Church once offered these wise words to his congregation:

"When you find yourself facing an issue in your life, the purpose or reason or good thing that might come out of it being completely hidden from you – what do you do? Do you worry and fret, become preoccupied with the problem? Do you ignore it or avoid it? Do you complain about it, do you want to run away from it? Or do you see it as a situation in which you might be able to experience the power and grace of God at work? Do you watch for the work of God that is to be done in this situation?"

As Christians, the great symbol of our faith is the Cross – an instrument of destruction turned by God's grace and the faith of His Son Jesus into an instrument of redemption. What Fr. Yates was talking about is looking for ways to make the hard issues of life opportunities to become more open to God and to better serve God.

I remember, for instance, a moment years ago when a particular family was in desperate financial straits. When Christmas came, they received a large delivery of food and gifts from their town's local Visiting Nurses Association. It was profoundly humbling for them to be on the receiving end of charity. But instead of responding with embarrassment, they accepted the help, and found that it made them more compassionate toward the plight of others. The next Christmas things were better for this family, and they made a donation to that same Visiting Nurses Association that had helped them – a gift they have maintained year by year as their circumstances allow. I would call that "experiencing the power and grace of God at work."

Sometimes the only gift we can give is to allow others to be there for us and support us in our time of need. In doing so humbly, we allow those who assist us to store up a great reward in heaven – the gratitude of Jesus Himself, Who said, *"Whatsoever you do for the least of my brothers, so you do unto me."*

Under His Mercy,

Reverend Mark J. Coiro
Pastor

DEATH OF A PARISHIONER AT MASS ~ COUNSELLING OPPORTUNITY TONIGHT

Jim McCauley LICSW, Associate Director of the Center, will be joining us on Sunday Evening, November 17 in Fr. Haley Hall from 6:30-7:30 PM. He will be available to assist those members of our congregation who would like some support following the death of parishioner John Hand at the 7 PM, Holy Day Mass on November 1. Parents who attend will be provided with coaching and resources to assist children who were present at that Mass. There is no need to R.S.V.P. for this hour of healing, education and support, just join us as you are able.

2019 ST. MARY'S PARISH GRAND ANNUAL UPDATE

"What return can I make to the Lord for all He has done for me?" Psalm 116

2019 Grand Annual goal to cover operating expenses:	\$150,000.00
Grand Annual parishioner support received to date:	- \$ 42,645.00
Parishioner support still needed to reach 2019 Grand Annual goal:	\$ 107,355.00
% of 2019 Grand Annual achieved to date:	28 %
% of St. Mary's families who have now made their Grand Annual gift:	21 %



As the Grand Annual continues, contributions may be placed either in the orange G.A. envelope you received in the mail, or in one of the extra G.A. envelopes available at the church entrances. G.A. envelopes may be placed in any Mass collection basket or mailed or dropped off at the rectory.

As explained in the November mailing to all parishioners, the \$150,000 goal will be applied to cover a number of parish operating expenses, including but not limited to: Interior Church floor replacement, installation of new pew kneelers pads and hardware, designated pew removal improvements for our handicapped members to include easier accessibility in the Church, and Church Sound System upgrades and repairs as the old Sound System became illegal as the FAA purchased our old channels. More details are provided in this bulletin.

Your generous support will assure the financial health of our parish continues.

Thank you for your support of this most important annual collection!

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, Parish Music Director
- Mr. Leo Racine, Director of Contemporary Music
- Mrs. Mary Beth Harris, Parish Secretary
- Mrs. Paula O'Brien, Religious Education Secretary
- Mrs. Mary Sanning, Business Manager
- Mrs. Najat Whalen, Sacristan
- Mr. Billy Hanson, Parish Facilities
- R & R Landscaping, Cemetery Care

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND:

For Retired Women Religious (nuns). Please give generously in recognition of the important role religious sisters have had in the Archdiocese of Boston.

LAST SUNDAY'S PARISH OFFERTORY:

Mass Collections:	\$ 11,115.50
Automatic Giving:	\$ 3,670.00
WeShare:	\$ 941.57
Total Offertory:	\$ 15,727.07

Thank you for your faithful stewardship.

PRAYERS AND MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday		November 16
	5:00	Nicholas Rossini
	7:30	Richard Hovsepian
Sunday		November 17
	7:30	People of St. Mary's
	9:30	Walter "D" Robbins
	11:30	Paul & Emma Jensen
Monday		November 18
	9:00	John McHugh
Tuesday		November 19
	9:00	Vincent Scaduto, 33 rd Av.
Wednesday		November 20
	9:00	John J. Moore, 34 th Av.
Thursday		November 21
	9:00	Doris Zardeskas
Friday		November 22
	9:00	Michael Bowles, Sr.
Saturday		November 23
	9:00	Pauline Pascucci, 29 th Av.
	5:00	Thomas Fleming
	7:30	John Hand
Sunday		November 24
	7:30	People of St. Mary's
	9:30	Deceased Members of the Duffy Family
	11:30	Katrina Petery

"Pray, Hope, and Don't Worry." - St. Pio of Pietrelcina

2019 Grand Annual Week Two **\$150,000 G.A. Need Breakdown:**

- \$88,951.78 Replacement of tile flooring and carpeting for church, including materials and installation. Also, installation costs for the new kneeler pads and hardware.
- \$9,832.59 Replacement hardware, bumpers and pads for the church kneelers, 600 seats.
- \$3,844.36 Church sound system upgrades and repairs. St. Mary's old wireless system becomes illegal in 2020 as the FAA has purchased those channels.
- \$47,371.27 Staff Salaries: The eight men and women of St. Mary's Staff are hardworking, dedicated individuals. This portion of the Grand Annual will go toward their salaries.

HOW TO MAKE YOUR 2019 GRAND ANNUAL GIFT

Please carefully review the Grand Annual information provided to you by the St. Mary's Finance Council.

Pray about it and **decide as a family** what gift you can make according to the means with which God has blessed you.

If you have children, make them aware of your Grand Annual support so that they can learn good stewardship by your example.

Please return the orange Grand Annual envelope you were mailed. Extra Grand Annual envelopes are provided at the doors, but for tax purposes the one coded for your family should be used.

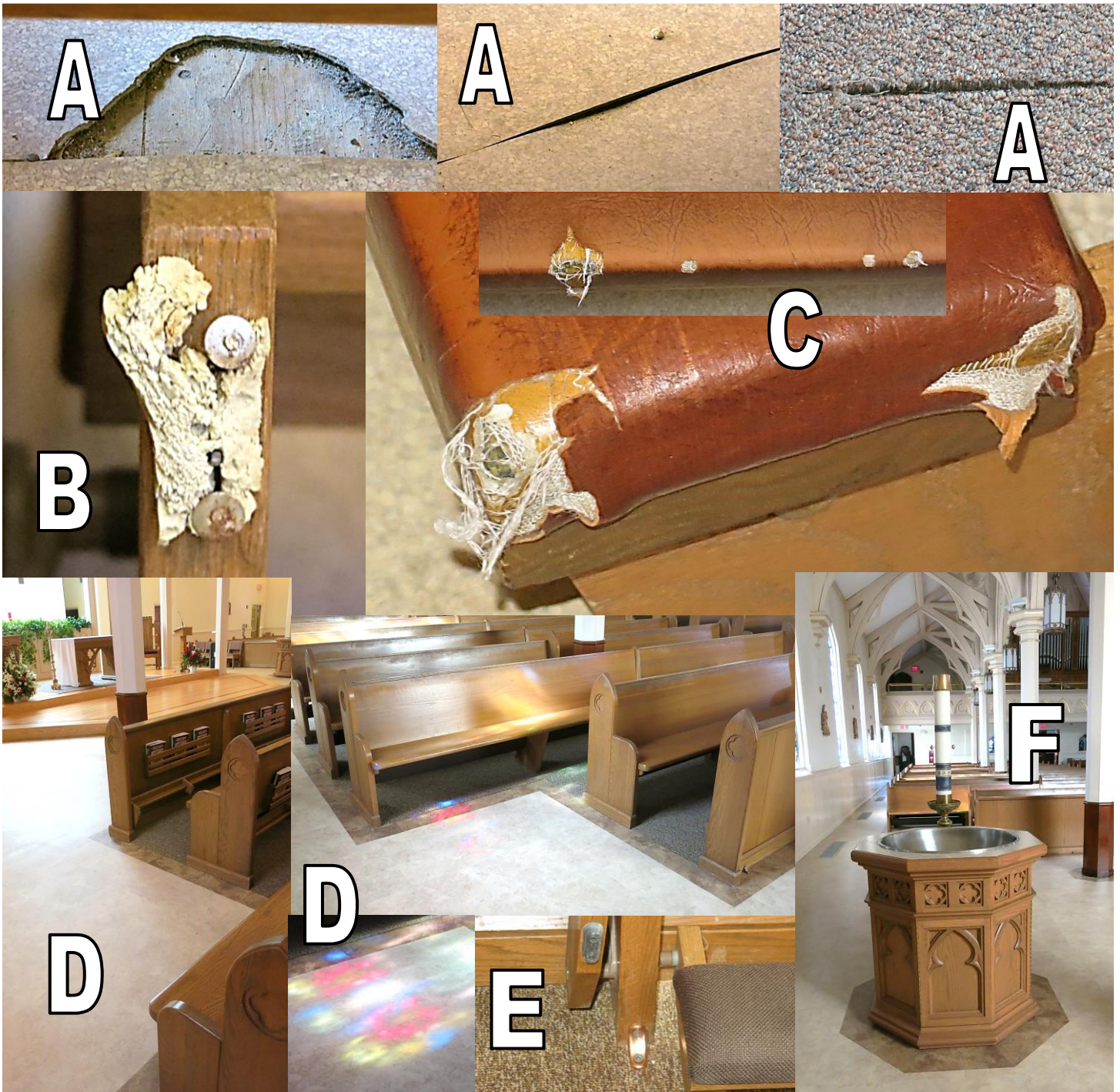
Your 2019 Grand Annual gift may also be made at any time by mailing it in to 8 Church St., dropping it off at the Parish Office, or placing it in any Mass collection basket.

If put in a Mass offertory basket, however, the special orange envelope, or an envelope clearly marked "Grand Annual" must be used.

Thank you for doing your part to support this essential annual stewardship effort!

***"Every person shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD
your God which He has given you." Deuteronomy 16:17***





Photos of a few of the 2019 Grand Annual Items

A – Old Church Tile Floor & Carpet: The 25-year-old tile was cracked and broken; carpet worn and splitting.

B – Old Church Pew Bumpers: These were almost totally degraded, with screws sticking through.

C – Old Church Pew Pads: These were 53 years old, worn and torn. All have been replaced.

D – Improved Handicapped Accommodation: St. Mary’s Church now has special areas cut out of the pews to accommodate wheelchairs. Four are located in the front of the nave, with two more in the back of the nave.

E – New Hardware, Bumpers and Kneeler Pads: This photo also shows the new carpet. For better maintenance and acoustics, the carpeted and tiled areas of the church were reversed.

F – Church Photo Showing Baptismal Font and New Tile Flooring.



CALLING ALL LONG-TIME AND NEW PARISHIONERS: The St. Mary’s 150th Anniversary Committee wishes to hear from those parishioners who have been members of St. Mary’s for over 50 years. Do you have any photos or memorabilia we could use? We are also interested in hearing what brought new parishioners (5 years or less) to St. Mary’s. Was there a particular parish program or ministry that interested you, or is our welcoming reputation just well-known far and wide! Please send any comments/anecdotes to betty.febo@gmail.com or if you would like to share a story in person, contact Sandy Liro at 508.429.6098. Your comments may be included in our new parish history, but no comments will be directly attributed without express permission.

ANNIVERSARY VIDEO SERIES: The 150th Anniversary Committee is planning a series of short videos on the parish to run in the Center lobby next year. One of the segments will be "Parish Life" and we are looking for group photos of sacramental celebrations, ministry groups, and general parish sponsored activities - the earlier the year the better! We will scan the photos and return them to you, or, we can scan them in your home if you would rather they not be lent. If you have something to contribute, email betty.febo@gmail.com or call me at 508-429-7190. Thank you!



**ST. MARY’S
PILGRIMAGE TO
THE HOLY LAND**

March 6 - 15, 2020

**Join us as we walk in the footsteps of Jesus!
Full details at:**

www.pilgrimages.com/frcoiro



BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE: Through the month of November, traditionally referred to as the “Month of the Holy Souls” the Book of Remembrance will be in front of the Baptismal Font and Easter Candle in the church. You are invited to write the names of your own departed loved ones in the book. Their intentions will be included in all the Masses celebrated at St. Mary’s in November. May God welcome them into the light and perfect peace of His Presence.

WINGS (Women in God’s Spirit): Is on hiatus until January. Our successful and inspiring Fall season has concluded, but we will return for our 5 week 2020 Winter Season on January 22. Sister Agnes Therrien, WINGS member, will give a short presentation and then lead us in a reflection and discussion on Richard Rohr’s book Great Themes of Scripture: the Old Testament. WINGS meets on Wednesday mornings from 9:45 – 11:15 AM in Father Haley Hall. Nurturing childcare is available. For more information call Jennifer Schiller 617-852-9632 or to sign-up: betty.febo@gmail.com.

MUSIC	5:00 PM	9:30 AM	11:30 AM
Entrance	#549	#725	#725
Offertory	#383	#600	-
Communion	#574	#334,326	#368
Recessional	#576	#719	#719

MISERICORDIA: This is a 3-month study of the Corporeal and Spiritual Works of Mercy, featuring an in-depth bio of modern-day female saints/venerable servants of God; scripture and discussion questions. Looking to the example of holy women of God, the small group discusses how to live out the Works of Mercy in our families, workplace, ministries and communities. For information email Regina at: reginalsavage@hotmail.com.

NEWSLETTER COLLATING: Please join us on Friday, November 22 from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM in Father Haley Hall to assist in our collating of the December Newsletter. Enjoy visiting with your fellow parishioners while we put together this beautiful instrument of outreach. Welcome!

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP: Our Grade 7 BINGO trip is scheduled for Monday, November 25, departing at 5:30 PM sharp and returning around 9:00 PM (eat an early supper at home before coming). Our next Meeting is Sunday, December 1 from 6:30 – 8 PM in the Parish Center. There will be faith, friendship, fun and signups for the December 13 Caroling, Pizza Party, Christmas Lights trip. Final Celtics payments are also due on December 1. Any and all 6th, 7th and 8th Graders are invited. Bring a friend!



ST. MARY'S EPIC – High School Youth Group: TONIGHT, Sunday, November 17, Mini Golf and Ice Cream Trip at Trombetta's Farm in Marlborough. Teens who are signed up should report to St. Mary's by 5:30 PM. Come enjoy a great time and bring money for homemade ice cream! Return time will be roughly 9:00 PM. Teens should not worry about missing the end of the Patriots Eagles game as it will be on at the Indoor Mini Golf Course.

Sunday, November 24, EPIC General Meeting from 7:15 to 8:45 PM in FHH, \$5 Dues. **Special Thanks** to all the teens who helped out last week with our project where we made 37 sleeping mats which will be distributed to homeless people in the Boston Area through the Street Outreach team at Pine Street Inn. Please Contact St. Mary's Youth Minister Jake Thiringer at stmarysym1870@gmail.com for more information about EPIC.

ALTERNATIVE GIFT FAIR THANK YOU: The Creation Care Team extends its thanks to all who took part in the Alternative Gift Fair on November 3. The participating charities received over \$800 in donations, and lots of packaging for gifts was saved because of your generosity. If you were not able to make a donation and would still like to do so, please go to the participants' websites for information on how to give. Fair participants were Bethany House Ministries, Birthright of Framingham, Holliston Pantry Shelf, Baypath Humane Society of Hopkinton and Project Just Because.

COMMENTARY BY NILUS OF ANCYRA ~ YOUR ENDURANCE WILL WIN YOU YOUR LIFE:

In time of trial it is of great profit to us patiently to endure for God's sake, for the Lord says: "By patient endurance you will win life for yourselves." He did not say by your fasting, or your solitude and silence, or your singing of psalms, although all of these are helpful in saving your soul.

Not even the devil himself standing by with all his armies and devices will have power ... But he said: "By patient endurance" in every trial that overtakes you, and in every affliction, whether this be insolent and contemptuous treatment, or any kind of disgrace, either small or great; whether it be bodily weakness, or the belligerent attacks of Satan, or any trial whatsoever caused either by other people or by evil spirits.

"By patient endurance you will win life for yourselves," although to this must be added wholehearted thanksgiving, and prayer, and humility. For you must be ready to bless and praise your benefactor, God the Savior of the world, who disposes all things, good or otherwise, for your benefit.

The apostle writes: "With patient endurance we run the race of faith set before us." For what has more power than virtue? What has more firmness or strength than patient endurance? Endurance, that is, for God's sake. This is the queen of virtues, the foundation of virtue, a haven of tranquility. It is peace in time of war, calm in rough waters, safety amidst treachery and danger. It makes those who practice it stronger than steel.

No weapons or brandished bows, no turbulent troops or advancing siege engines, no flying spears or arrows can shake it. Not even the host of evil spirits, not the dark array of hostile powers, nor the devil himself standing by with all his armies and devices will have power to injure the man or woman who has acquired this virtue through Christ.

(Letters 111, 35: PG 79, 401-404)



CLOW- CHILDREN K-6: CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: Today, Sunday, November 17, 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., Nov. 17	GR-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 4:00 PM
	GR-7 at 5:00 PM	
Mon., Nov. 18	GR-4 at 3:00 PM	GR-5 at 3:00 PM
	GR-8 at 6:00 PM	
Tues., Nov. 19	GR-6 at 4:00 PM	GR-9 at 6:30 PM
Wed., Nov. 20	GR-2 at 4:15 PM	GR-5 at 3:00 PM
	GR-7 at 6:00 PM	GR-8 at 6:00 PM
Thur., Nov. 21	GR-9 at 6:30 PM	
Sun., Nov. 24	GR-2 at 8:10 AM	GR-3 at 7:55 AM
	GR-2 at 10:45 AM	GR-3 at 10:45 AM
	GR-6 at 4:00 PM	GR-7 at 5:00 PM

PLEASE HELP - MONITORS NEEDED:

For information and details call 508-429-6076.
GR-6: 1 MONITOR - Tuesdays, 4:30-5:30 PM.
GR-8: 1 MONITOR - Alt Wednesdays, 6:00-7:30 PM.
GR-9: 1 MONITOR - Alt Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30 PM.

HOLLISTON NEWCOMERS AND NEIGHBORS ANNUAL THANKSGIVING BASKETS: Pick up for all non-perishable food donations is today. If you can make a donation for the perishable food items, please make your check payable to the **Holliston Newcomers and Neighbors** and mail it to: Katrine Giroux at 147 Mohawk Path, Holliston, MA 01746 – Or website donations to: <http://www.hollistonnewcomers.org>.

GRADE 2 - PARENT MEETING ON THE SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION: Monday, Nov. 18 from 7 – 8 PM in Fr. Haley Hall. This meeting is to enable parents to better understand the importance of the sacrament also known as Reconciliation and Penance.

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE PARENT MEETING FOR CHILDREN IN GRADES 1, 2 AND 3: Each year the children in Grades 1 through 7 are presented an age appropriate safety lesson. Parents with children in Grades 1, 2 and 3 are invited to view the safety lesson today, November 17 from 2 – 3 PM in RM 3- 4.

COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS: This group meets on Tuesday, November 19 at 7:45 PM in the Library.

CONFIRMATION I: Grade 9 classes meet on Tues., November 19 and Thurs., November 21 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM in Fr. Haley Hall.

GRADES 5 AND 7 COORDINATORS ARE STILL NEEDED: Please contact Fran Crespi for information if you are interested and able to help. Training will be provided. Please call 508-429-6076 or email: st.marysdre@gmail.com.

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.

ADULT FAITH SERIES: On Tuesday, November 19, the "The Bible and the Virgin Mary" series will continue from 10:00 AM to Noon in Room 3 – 4. All are welcome!

TOOTHPASTE COLLECTION FOR BETHANY HOUSE: Bethany House is requesting toothpaste this year, especially the brand "AIM." A bin is located in the Lobby under the table located outside the R.E. Office for donations. Collections will be picked up in early December. *Thank you for your help.*



KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST: The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a poster contest open to all children in Grades K through 8 with the theme "Keep Christ in Christmas". There are divisions for judging based on age: Age 5-7 (Grade K-2); Age 8-10

(Grade 3-5); Age 11-14 (Grade 6 – 8). Entry forms are available in the R.E. Office. The **entry form** explains the rules to create the posters. Posters will be judged by the K of C. Pick up the form now and show us what Christmas really means for the world! A100 point scoring system will be used to determine the winners: Slogan – 30 points (Theme presentation); Visuals – 30 points (Conveying the message); Overall Impact – 40 points (How effective the poster is capturing attention).

Posters are due by Friday, December 6.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS NATIVITY: Families with children in Grades 1- 4 received forms to complete if they wish to participate in the 2019 Christmas Nativity held at the 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Vigil Mass. Completed forms must be returned by **Sunday, November 17** to: Debra Frey, 615 Winter St. Holliston, MA, 01748 or by email to: specialinnkeeper1224@gmail.com. There will be scheduled rehearsals on Sat. December 7, 14 and 21 only.