



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.

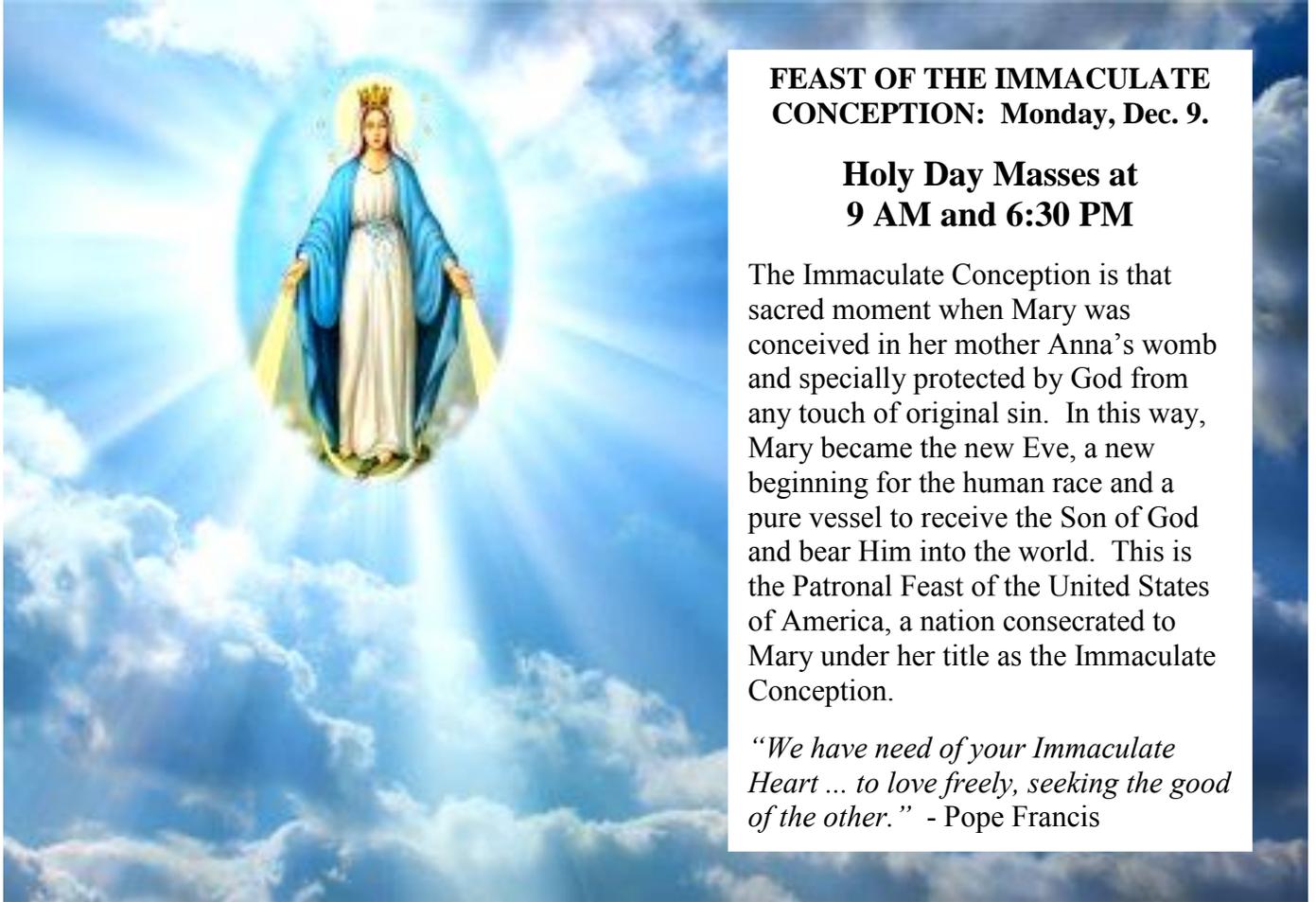
Please join in!

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 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.



**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION: Monday, Dec. 9.**

**Holy Day Masses at
9 AM and 6:30 PM**

The Immaculate Conception is that sacred moment when Mary was conceived in her mother Anna's womb and specially protected by God from any touch of original sin. In this way, Mary became the new Eve, a new beginning for the human race and a pure vessel to receive the Son of God and bear Him into the world. This is the Patronal Feast of the United States of America, a nation consecrated to Mary under her title as the Immaculate Conception.

"We have need of your Immaculate Heart ... to love freely, seeking the good of the other." - Pope Francis

**IN SHADOW AS WELL AS LIGHT
AN ADVENT PRAYER**

**Loving and gracious God,
When the days grow longer,
Casting long, cold shadows
Allowing fear and despair into our
lives,
Let my light shine brighter.
When the task grows more wearisome
Filling valleys and flattening
mountains
Building highways in the desert
Be the strength in my bones.
When I wait on you
And they shake their heads
Saying, "Have you not heard the
news?"
Keep in my heart the great good news
that makes even the child in the
womb leap with joy:
That you are coming into the world.**

**May I praise you in shadow
as well as light.
May I praise you in winter
as well as spring.
May I praise you in silence
as well as song.
May I praise you in solitude
as well as companionship.
May I praise you in illness
as well as health.
And when the last, glowing beam
disappears over the horizon
And darkness shrouds the land,
Give me the grace to say to all,
Despair not.
Morning is coming.
Come, Lord Jesus, come.**

Amen

ADVENT 2019 - PREPARE FOR HIS COMING!



NEXT WEEKEND, GIVE ~ A ~ GIFT, DECEMBER 7 & 8:

(GIFT BAGS ONLY, PLEASE NO WRAPPING) Once again we ask the people of St. Mary's to help make Christmas truly a season of sharing. Give a gift to someone who has none. A teen to a teen, a child to a child, a toddler to a toddler. All items go to needy families in Boston, and are distributed through two inner city Catholic parishes. Please bring an article of new clothing and a new toy, unwrapped together in a plain bag or gift bag with a tag stating "Boy" or "Girl" and size or age up to age 18. No adult gifts please. Please place your gift in

front of St. Mary's altar at any Mass the weekend of December 7 & 8. Please note that all items are driven into Boston early Sunday afternoon (December 8), so gifts dropped off late cannot be distributed. Thank you and God bless you! Please note: The "no wrapping" is requested by the receiving parishes as they otherwise have to tear the wrapping off to see which gifts are most appropriate for specific individuals.

NEXT WEEKEND, COOKIE WALK, DECEMBER 7 & 8:

After all Masses on December 7 and 8 long rows of tables will be set up in the Lower Church – tables loaded down with over 2,000 delicious homemade cookies baked by St. Mary's Middle School Youth Group members. For \$6 you may purchase an empty cookie bag, then "walk" down the rows of tables and select cookies which youths (wearing plastic gloves) will place in your bag. All proceeds will directly benefit the poor of Haiti.



CONTEMPORARY VESPERS ~ TUESDAYS, DEC. 3, 10, & 17, 7:00 PM: Bring your day to a restful end with this twenty minute experience of the Psalms, calming your spirit and letting go of distractions and anxieties. The Liturgy of the Hours connects you to the whole Church in prayer worldwide.



CLASSICAL VESPERS ~ WED., DEC. 4, 7-7:30 PM: Join our talented Youth Choir for this Sung Service on the first Wednesday of Advent. Vespers, also called Evening Prayer, takes place as dusk begins to fall. Evening Prayer gives thanks for the day just past and makes an evening sacrifice of praise to God. Vespers is part of the Liturgy of the Hours, part of the daily prayer of the Universal Church worldwide. It consists of the singing of psalms, intercessions, and prayers. Come experience the beauty of sung prayer!

ORGAN, LESSONS & CAROLS ~ SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 5-6 PM

IN THE CHURCH: Join us for an evening of beautiful music and scripture, anticipating the wondrous birth of our Lord Jesus. This year's Lessons and Carols will feature the combined choirs and ensembles of St. Mary's Church, as well as nationally-renowned organist Brandon Santini, who will also offer a 30-minute organ concert at 4:30 PM. The program will include familiar carols as well as choral music by Praetorius, Harris, Stanford, Rutter, Pearsall and others. Bring your whole family and fill your Christmas preparations with holiday cheer!

WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS: *"You perceive it in the depths of your heart: all that is good on earth, all professional success, even the human love that you dream of, can never fully satisfy your deepest and most intimate desires. Only an encounter with Jesus can give full meaning to your lives."* - Pope St. John Paul II





Saint Mary's Parish

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December 1, 2019
First Sunday of Advent

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

Happy New Year! Advent marks the beginning of a new year in the Church calendar, as we recall the First Coming of Jesus among us as the Babe of Bethlehem, and as we look forward to His Second Coming as the King of Glory. The Advent Mass readings today through December 16 focus on Jesus' return at the Last Judgment, then on December 17 shift to His birth 2,000 years ago. In a real sense, the Advent readings capture the way a faithful Christian lives – reflecting on the Jesus Who once walked among us as man, and also preparing to meet Him face to face one day.

The shift in Church seasons is evident in our worship space in several ways today. Those attending daylight Masses will be able to see that the sanctuary skylight has been tinted Advent shades of purple and rose. The effect is something like a dawn or sunset sky; appropriate as Advent encompasses both the birth (dawn) of Christ into the world, and the promised final return (sunset) of Jesus to establish His Kingdom on the earth. The colored skylight also darkens the sanctuary slightly, bringing to mind the darkness of a world without Christ. On Christmas Day the white skylight will return, allowing bright light again as we commemorate the birth of Jesus, Who is forever the "Light of the World."

For Advent the sanctuary draperies have been changed to purple, the Church's color of penance and preparation. Likewise the priest's and deacon's vestments are purple – the darker "royal" purple of Jesus the newborn King or returning triumphant King. This is different from the more "violet" purple of Lent, the redder tint of which suggests the blood spilt for us by Jesus on Calvary. For this same reason the Advent vestments are much richer in ornamentation than the simple vestments worn during Lent. To the right of the sanctuary stands the St. Mary's Advent wreath, the candles of which will count down for us the weeks until Christmas, even as time itself counts down to the return and final judgment of Jesus. We hope that an Advent wreath will grace your own family table tonight, as it is a beautiful way to bring prayer into your home and teach children about the two comings of Jesus.

As we look at the way our church building has been transformed for Advent, we are each invited to consider the transformation that God is calling us to in these four short weeks of grace. How can we move from fear to courage, doubt to trust, covetousness to generosity, sorrow to joy, and loneliness to the sure knowledge that GOD IS WITH US in the person of Jesus Christ? How can we make sure that Christmas finds us spiritually closer to God than we are right now today?

Prayer is always the foundation of our relationship with God, and Advent prayer books have been made available at the church entrances for you to take home. We hope they will enrich both your four-week journey to Christmas and your greater journey to God. I encourage you also this Advent to invite home to Mass a Catholic friend or neighbor who has fallen away. Advent represents Jesus drawing closer to the human family through His Incarnation and Birth. How appropriate then to invite and welcome a Catholic home to Mass – the place where each week Jesus draws powerfully near to us in Word and Sacrament.

In the end, Advent invites each of us to look honestly at our relationships with God and neighbor so as to make whatever changes and fresh starts are needed to be more faithful disciples. Above all, we must avoid the trap of spending all our time and energy on external Christmas preparations, and none on our interior / spiritual life. May a good Advent find us all a little more like Christ this Christmas, and full of His peace in the New Year to come.

May the Lord of Our Advent Journey bless you and yours.

Under His Mercy,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rev. Mark J. Coiro". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Rev. Mark J. Coiro
Pastor

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:	- \$ 91,320.00
Parishioner support still needed to reach 2019 Grand Annual goal:	\$ 58,680.00
% of 2019 Grand Annual achieved to date:	61 %
% of St. Mary's families who have now made their Grand Annual gift:	41 %

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.

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 LAST WEEKEND:
Retired Women Religious, \$4,791.00. Thank you.

LAST SUNDAY'S PARISH OFFERTORY:
 Mass Collections: \$ 10,127.50
 Automatic Giving: \$ 3,041.50
 WeShare: \$ 317.77
 Total Offertory: \$ 13,486.77

Weekly offertory
needed for Parish Bills: \$15,000

Offertory Shortfall Last Weekend: \$1,513.23

PRAYERS AND MASS INTENTIONS:

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| Saturday | November 30 |
| 5:00 | Alfonso Barcinas, 5 th Anv. |
| 7:30 | Bill Tobin |
| Sunday | December 1 |
| 7:30 | People of St. Mary's |
| 9:30 | Helen Shannahan, 1 st Anv. |
| 11:30 | Stephen Fogarty |
| Monday | December 2 |
| 9:00 | Sarah Cuddy |
| Tuesday | December 3 |
| 9:00 | Special Intention |
| Wednesday | December 4 |
| 9:00 | Todd Mayo |
| Thursday | December 5 |
| 9:00 | Mary Miller |
| Friday | December 6 |
| 9:00 | John Hand |
| Saturday | December 7 |
| 9:00 | Holy Souls |
| 5:00 | Frank Simonetti, 15 th Anv. |
| 7:30 | Paul & Emma Jensen |
| Sunday | December 8 |
| 7:30 | People of St. Mary's |
| 9:30 | Paul Brunaccini & Clare Maguire |
| 11:30 | Frank & Olga Proto |

"If you do not hope, you will not find what is beyond your hopes." - St. Clement of Alexandria

TODAY!

DONUTS, JUICE AND COFFEE TODAY: The Welcoming Committee invites all parishioners and their families to stop into Father Haley Hall after the 9:30 AM Mass TODAY, Sunday, December 1, for donuts, juice and coffee! Members of the Parish Council will be there if you have any comments or issues regarding the Parish that you would like to share with them.



SPIRITED HANDS CROCHET GROUP/ST. MARY'S WOMEN'S GROUP ~ TODAY SUNDAY: The members of the Crochet Group known now as "Spirited Hands" and the St. Mary's Women's Group will be holding their annual sale of handmade crochet items in the Center Lobby after the 9:30 and 11:30 AM Masses. All of the items will be unique and well made. The Spirited Hands even prayed for the people who will be receiving their finished products. So these gifts will be precious! All proceeds go to help the needy.



MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP TONIGHT SUNDAY: Our next Meeting is tonight, 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 and the January 18 Snow Tubing 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: Our General Meeting will be on December 8 from 7:15 to 8:45 PM in FHH, please bring \$5 Dues. There will be Food, Games, Faith, Fun, Small Groups and a Christmas Sing-a-long. Please join us for the Christmas Party with Caroling at the Doolittle Nursing Home on Saturday, December 14 from 1:10 – 4:45 PM. Sign Ups will be at the December 8 meeting.

WHAT IS THE ROSE FOR LIFE?



In every Sunday bulletin you see the name of an individual or family who has sponsored the "Rose for Life" that week. This tradition began at St. Mary's twenty-six years ago. The cost of sponsoring the rose is \$10. Part of this goes to purchase a single rose which is placed in front of the statue of Mary in our church every Saturday morning, remaining there all week as a visible reminder to please pray for the health and safety of unborn children.

The rest of the offering is given to the Pregnancy Help Program of the Archdiocese of Boston, a beautiful ministry that assists individuals in crisis pregnancies. Pregnancy Help offers free and confidential counseling, referrals and assistance on a wide range of medical, social service, housing and financial issues. Many women come to Pregnancy Help feeling totally alone, isolated and abandoned by family, friends and partners. Others have some support but they are confused and frightened about what to do. Whatever a particular woman's situation might be, Pregnancy Help provides a safe place where she can come, speak from her heart and find the support she needs.

Each year, Pregnancy Help assists more than 350 new clients at their two locations in Brighton and Natick. All their services are free and confidential. Pregnancy Help is staffed by nurses and bilingual caseworkers who have been trained to offer a wide range of support. Their services extend through all stages of pregnancy, from pregnancy testing through delivery and into the postpartum period. Clients range in age from high school students to women in their 40's. Services are offered in English, Spanish and Portuguese. More information at:

<http://www.pregnancyhelpboston.org/>

Want to sponsor the Rose for Life one week in 2020? We currently need MANY new sponsors. Please call 508-429-4427 to become part of this beautiful affirmation of life today!



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!

ROSE FOR LIFE: Sponsored this week by John and Maureen Klauser. Please join them in prayer for an unborn child.

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	TM#20	#20	#20
Offertory	TM#28	-	-
Communion	#587	-	-
Recessional	#577	#21	#21



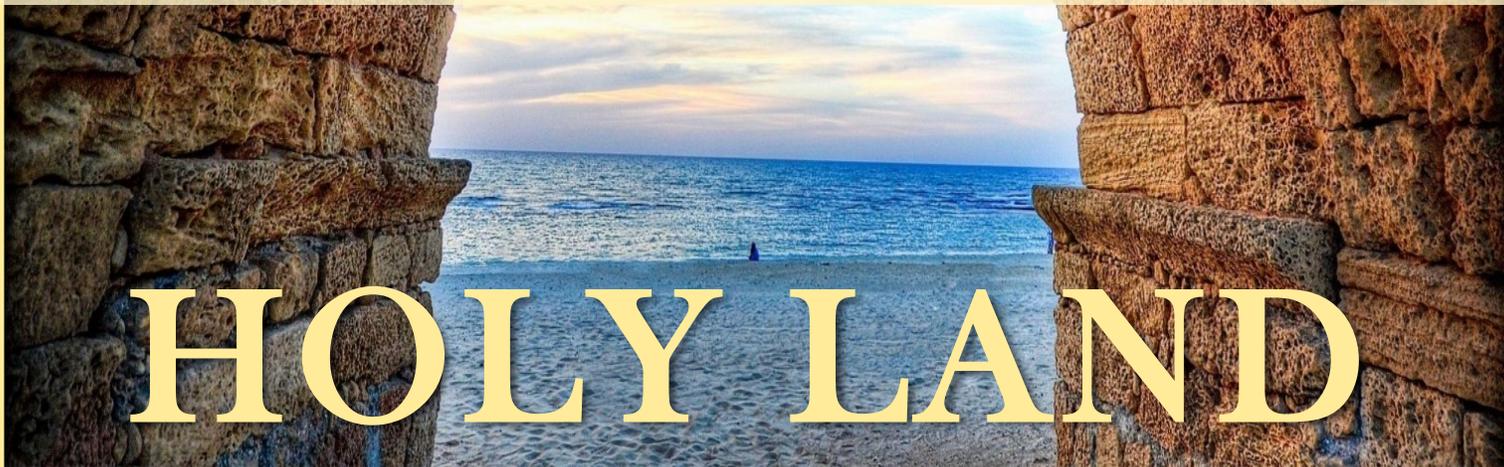
FATIMA SHRINE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS DISPLAY: The Xaverian Missionaries will hold their traditional Christmas Lights Display from Sunday, December 1 to Sunday, December 29, from 5 to 9 PM. Hot chocolate and cookies are provided for visitors. All are most welcome!



HDAAC TO OFFER NIGHT OF HOPE & HEALING THROUGH ART AND PRAYER: The Holliston Drug and Alcohol Awareness Coalition (HDAAC) is hosting a Hope & Healing night at the Holliston Public Library on **Wednesday, December 4 from 6 to 8 PM**, in the Lower Level meeting room. The night will feature an interactive art exhibit sponsored by The Opioid Project, and will begin with a short interfaith prayer service with ministers from area faith groups including Deacon John from St. Mary’s. The opioid

epidemic in Massachusetts has claimed an estimated 2,033 deaths in 2018 and an estimated 497 between January and March of this year. Studies have shown that youth use of substances like alcohol, marijuana and prescription pain medication is associated with an increased risk of addiction to heroin and other opioids. The opioid project features artwork that captures the personal narrative of an artist’s experience in the midst of the disease, and will have an audio component that can be listened to with headphones provided at the event. The project communicates the complex social narrative of addiction and co-occurring mental health challenges, with the goal of promoting positive social change and ultimately preventing substance abuse and opioid-related deaths. This display is open to all members of the public and is especially moving for all those that are touched by or treat those with addiction, including active users, those in recovery, first responders, and those grieving the death of a loved one to overdose. Please contact Melissa Stacy, HDAAC Chair for more information at hdaacoalition@gmail.com.

JOIN FR. MARK J. COIRO IN CELEBRATION OF THE
150TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. MARY'S PARISH, HOLLISTON



HOLY LAND



MARCH 6 - 15, 2020
\$3,719 FROM BOSTON (BOS)
Price is Per Person Based on Double Occupancy

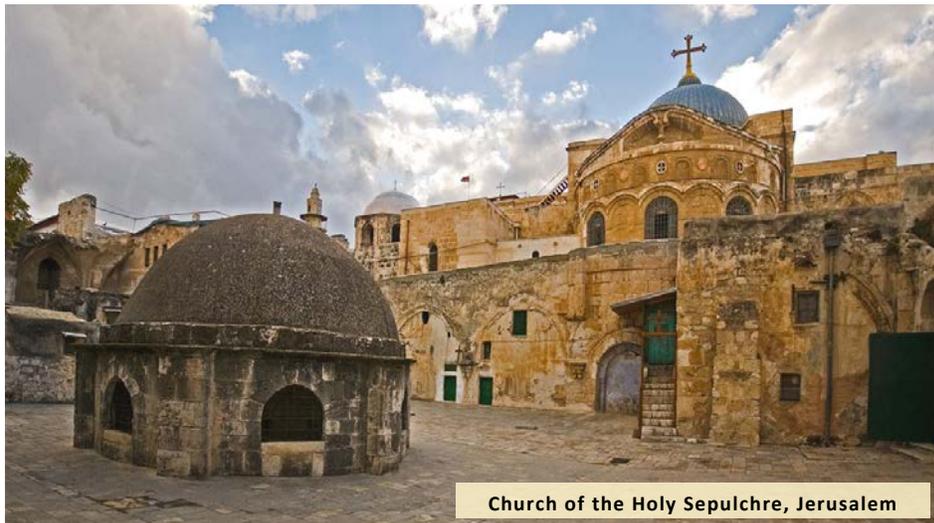


Fr. Mark J. Coiro

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Church of the Transfiguration, Mount Tabor



Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Jerusalem



Church of All Nations, Jerusalem



Dead Sea

SAMPLE DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Day 1, Fri, Mar 06: Depart for the Holy Land

Make your way to your local airport where you will board your overnight flight. Your meals are served on board.

Day 2, Sat, Mar 07: Arrive in Tel Aviv and continue to Tiberias

Upon arrival at Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv, make your way to the baggage claim area and collect your luggage. Proceed to the arrival's hall, where you will be greeted by your tour guide and/or driver. Transfer to your hotel in Tiberias in time to check-in. Enjoy dinner at the hotel before retiring for the evening.

Day 3, Sun, Mar 08: Caesarea - Stella Maris - Nazareth - Tiberias - Cana

Theme: The Annunciation

Depart Tel Aviv to Caesarea Maritima, one of the three largest ports in the Roman world, next to Alexandria and Piraeus "Athens", which were built by Herod the Great between 21 B.C. and 9 B.C. It was in Caesarea where St. Peter baptized the first gentile convert Cornelius, and where St. Paul gave his defense of the church. From here, we will see the Roman Theater, Herod's Palace, view the Hippodrome, and the harbor from where St. Paul sailed on his journeys. Continue north to Haifa, located on Mt Carmel, where we will visit the Carmelite Shrine dedicated to Our Lady of Mt Carmel, and pray at the cave which Elijah the prophet took refuge. Continue on to Nazareth for lunch, and then visit the Church of the Annunciation. Visit the museum and archaeological garden where we can see the remains of Nazareth at time of Christ, as well as St. Joseph's workshop – which is now known as St. Joseph's Church. Within the Church of the Annunciation, you will make our way down to the Grotto to see the remains of the house of the Blessed Mother, and where the Angel of the Lord announced the good news to Mary. Celebrate Mass in this Church, and then continue on to Cana. It was here that Jesus performed His first miracle, changing water into wine. During your visit at the Wedding Church, married couples will have the chance to take part in the ceremony and renew their wedding vows. From there, we continue on to Tiberias, located on Sea of Galilee, for dinner and overnight.

Day 4, Mon, Mar 09: Tiberias: Sea of Galilee

Theme: The Ministry of Christ in the Galilee

Today begin this day with breakfast at the hotel, followed by a boat ride on the beautiful and scenic Sea of Galilee (Luke 5:1). Upon docking the boat, you will have the opportunity to view the remains of a boat that dates back to the time of Jesus. Following the Sea of Galilee, we continue to the Mount of Beatitudes, where Jesus proclaimed His great Sermon on the Mount (Luke 6:20-49). Near the Mount, is Tabgha, one of Jesus' miracle sites. At Tabgha, Jesus fed the crowd of 5,000 people from five loaves of bread and two fish (Luke 9:10-17). Also, in Tabgha is St. Peter's Primacy where Jesus bestowed church leadership upon Peter (John 21:9). Continue to visit the birthplace of Mary Magdalene in Magdala. During the time of Jesus, this village was a prosperous fishing village that exported fish and garum (a fish sauce reduction; popular in Roman cooking). Your day concludes at Capernaum, the launching place of Jesus' ministry. In Capernaum, see the Synagogue where Jesus taught (Mark 1:21-29) and gave His sermon on the Bread of Life. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 5, Tue, Mar 10: Jordan River - Mt. Tabor – Jericho – Jordan River - Jerusalem

Theme: The Transfiguration

After breakfast, we will drive to the site of the Transfiguration, Mount Tabor (Matthew 17:1-50). At this site, you will have some time to reflect on Christ's Humanity and Divinity. Celebrate Mass at the Basilica of the Transfiguration. Continue south to the Jordan Valley to the oldest inhabited city in the world, Jericho (Joshua 6:12-25). In Jericho, you view the exact location, the Mount of Temptation, of where the Devil tempted Jesus during his forty-day fast (Luke 4:1). Following the visit to this mountain, continue to Jesus' baptismal site on the River Jordan (Matthew 3:13-17). After some time at the Jordan River, we will transfer to Jerusalem to check-in to your hotel and enjoy dinner and overnight.

Day 6, Wed, Mar 11: Jerusalem: Temple Model - Ein Karem - Bethlehem

Theme: The Visitation and Nativity

This morning, enjoy breakfast before we start our day in Jerusalem, which houses the temple to which Jesus was Presented (Luke 2:22). Visit a model of the Second Temple as it was in the time of Jesus. Following this visit, we will take a short drive to the village of Ein Karem, the birthplace of John the Baptist. It is known that there are two churches in Ein Karem, both representing the two homes of Zechariah and Elizabeth. The first is in a valley where the birth of St. John the Baptist is commemorated (Luke 1:39-80) in the Church of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist. The second is on a hill where Elizabeth spent five months in seclusion (Luke 1:24) at the Church of the Visitation. You will have a chance to visit both of these churches and have the opportunity to pray the Mystery of the Rosary as you walk up the hill to the Church of the Visitation. In the afternoon, transfer to Bethlehem, the birthplace of Jesus. In Bethlehem, you will have the opportunity to view the Shepherd's Fields (Luke 2:8). In the caves of these fields, you are still able to see the soot marks of fires that shepherds lit to

keep warm. The tour concludes at the Manger Square which stands in front of the Church of the Nativity. As you enter the Church, you will proceed down to the Grotto of the Nativity which marks the spot of Our Savior's birth (Matthew 2:1-18). Beneath the altar, there is a silver star and a Latin inscription that states: HIC DE VIRGINE MARIA JESUS CHRISTUS NATUS (Here Jesus Christ was born to the Virgin Mary). Following Mass in this Sacred space, return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 7, Thu, Mar 12: Bethany - Dead Sea

Theme: Early Years in Jerusalem & the Wilderness

Following breakfast at your hotel, we will travel down the Jordan Valley to Qumran. Qumran is made up of 2,000 year old ruins from the days of the Second Temple and also the site where the Dead Sea Scrolls were written and discovered (Ezekiel 47:8-10). These writings have helped further the understanding of Jewish background in Christianity. Time and weather permitting, you will have the opportunity to take a float in the Dead Sea, the lowest and saltiest spot on Earth. Continue as you travel through the Judean wilderness, the site where Jesus spent His 40 days of fasting. The day of touring culminates with a transfer to Bethany. Bethany is the site where Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead which foreshadows His own Resurrection (John 11:38-44). Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 8, Fri, Mar 13: Jerusalem: Mt. Of Olives - Gethsemane - Mt. Zion (Upper Room) - Western Wall

Theme: Palm Sunday and the Agony in the Garden

After breakfast, we will make our way to the Mount of Olives where you will be able to take in the beautiful, panoramic view of Jerusalem. Historically, the Mount of Olives was a mandatory transit point for Jesus during many iconic moments. Visit the Pater Noster Shrine where Jesus taught His disciples the Lord's Prayer (Pater Noster) (Luke 11:1-4). You will have the opportunity to stop at Dominus Flevit which is a Church that commemorates where Jesus wept for Jerusalem (Luke 19:41). Continue on to Gethsemane, a garden at the foot of the Mount of Olives. Jesus brought His disciples here to pray the night before He was crucified (Luke 22:29-53). The Garden still contains trees with roots that date back to the time of Jesus. Your next stop, the Church of All Nations, built over the "Rock of Agony". This is where Jesus prayed alone on the night of His arrest. Throughout this time, you are invited to remain in prayer and to reflect on Christ's agony that He experienced. You will have the opportunity to visit the Western Wall, which is the last remnant of the Jewish Temple after it was destroyed in 70 A.D. Continue with a visit to the house of the High Priest Caiaphas (Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu). This Church commemorates where Jesus was examined and eventually imprisoned before the Council in Jerusalem. It also commemorates Peter's Denial of Christ (John 18:15-18), Peter's repentance, and Jesus' forgiveness of Peter. You will also visit the Upper Room on Mt. Zion. The Upper Room is where Jesus and His disciples celebrated the Last Supper (Matthew 26:17-30) and where Jesus appeared to His disciples after His Death and Resurrection (Mark 16:14). In addition, visit the nearby Benedictine Church of the Dormition. Tradition tells us that this Church is where Mary, the Mother of Jesus, "fell asleep." At the end of this prayerful day, return to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 9, Sat , Mar 14: Jerusalem: Via Dolorosa - Holy Sepulchre

Theme: The Way of the Cross, The Crucifixion, The Resurrection

This morning you will have a very early wake-up to begin the Via Dolorosa (The Way of the Cross) at the Antonia Fortress. This is the spot where Jesus was condemned to death by Pontius Pilate (John 18:28-19:16). Following His condemnation, He was taken (on the Road to Calvary) to His place of Crucifixion. Reflect upon the Stations of the Cross as you travel through the markets of the Old City to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher (Luke 23:26-33). This sacred destination is the site of Calvary (Jesus' crucifixion place) and His tomb (Luke 23: 50-55). Celebrate Mass at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Following Mass, we will return to the hotel to enjoy breakfast. We will continue our day with a visit to the Church of St. Anne's, the home of Jesus' maternal grandparents (Anne and Joachim); and the Pool of Bethesda, where Jesus healed the crippled man (John 5:1-9). This afternoon, enjoy a revisit to the Old City. Following this visit return to the hotel to enjoy dinner and overnight at your hotel.

Day 10, Sun, Mar 15: Return Flights Home

After an early breakfast and heartfelt farewells, transfer to the Tel Aviv airport for return flights home.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF TERMS & CONDITIONS (FOR COMPLETE TERMS & CONDITIONS PLEASE VISIT WWW.206TOURS.COM/TERMS)

DEPOSIT AND REGISTRATION A \$400 per person deposit is required at the time of booking with a completed reservation application. Fax, internet, e-mail, or phone reservations are welcome. Deposit and/or payment in full must be received within 7 days of booking or reservation will cancel. Full payment is due 60 days prior to the departure date. If a booking is made within 60 days of departure, full payment is required at the time of booking. If payment is received less than 30 days before departure, please include a \$50 late fee. Packages shipped outside of the USA will incur additional shipping charges.

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PASSPORTS, VISAS & DOCUMENTS A valid US passport is required for US citizens. If you do not have a valid passport please contact your closest passport office or see Passport Information. Passports must be valid at least 6 months after return date. US or Canadian citizens do not need to obtain visas for most countries 206 Tours services. For all other nationalities please consult the country of your consulate. When and if visa is required it is passenger's responsibility to obtain one. Cancellations due to lack of appropriate documents will incur usual penalties.

FINAL DOCUMENTS Final documents are issued upon receipt of final payment only and within 3 weeks of departure. Documents are not guaranteed if final payment is not received on time. Upon receipt of your documents you are responsible to check your itinerary, spelling of your name, dates, times and other important information to insure their validity. Should your final documents have any errors it is the passenger's responsibility to contact 206 Tours immediately.

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CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS Once a deposit or partial/full payment has been made, cancellations will only be accepted in writing. Cancellation terms will be applied based on the date that the written cancellation is received. In addition to a \$300 per person administration fee, the following charges apply:

- 60 - 46 days prior to departure 10%
- 45 - 21 days prior to departure 50%
- 20 - 03 days prior to departure 80%
- 02 days prior to departure or less no refund

Additionally, once tickets are issued the ticket value is non-refundable. Requests for a refund must be in writing (mail, fax or e-mail). Phone calls cannot be used as a form of cancellation. Refunds will be issued within 30 to 60 days of receipt of written notice. No change of names or substitutions are permitted. No refund or cancellation fees will be waived due to death or sickness. *Special trips & events such as Canonizations, WYD or Oberammergau have additional cancellation penalties such as a \$400 non-refundable deposit. Please carefully review the terms and conditions for each trip as per the trip website prior to reservation.

TRAVEL INSURED INTERNATIONAL INSURANCE 206 Tours suggests the purchase of travel protection to protect you and your trip investment. Travel Insured International Insurance offers a waiver of the pre-existing medical condition exclusion if insurance is purchased within 21 days of initial trip deposit. Travel protection cannot be purchased after your trip is paid in full and protection plan premiums are non-refundable.

Please find plan rates below:

Trip Cost	Plan Cost Per Person
\$1,001 - \$1,500	\$150
\$1,501 - \$2,000	\$170
\$2,001 - \$2,500	\$180
\$2,501 - \$3,000	\$196
\$3,001 - \$3,500	\$210
\$3,501 - \$4,000	\$225
\$4,001 - \$4,500	\$240
\$4,501 - \$5,000	\$253
\$5,001 - \$5,500	\$280

This is a partial description of benefits. For a summary of plan details on benefits, coverages, limitations and exclusions of the plan, please refer to the Description of Coverage, which is available at www.206tours.com/insurance. If you do not have internet access 206 Tours is happy to provide a copy of the Description of Coverage (DOC), upon your request. Travel Assistance & Concierge Services are provided by the designated provider as listed in the Description of Coverage. This plan provides insurance coverage for a covered trip. The purchase of travel insurance is not required to purchase any other product or service from the travel retailer. You may already have coverage that provides similar benefits and you may wish to compare the terms of this coverage with your existing coverage. If you have questions about your current coverage, call your insurer or agent. The travel retailer is not qualified to answer questions about the benefits, exclusions or conditions of the travel insurance. Travel Insured International, 855 Winding Brook Dr PO Box 6503 Glastonbury, CT 06033. Phone # 1-844-228-3679.

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AIR TRANSPORTATION Air transportation is in economy class on IATA-approved carriers. Ticketing must be completed no later than 14 days prior to departure. Fares are based on levels in effect at the time of printing and prices and schedules are subject to change without notice. All is subject to the airlines terms of carriage. 206 Tours is not responsible for any cancellations, loss, delays, injury, illness, or expenses incurred due to actions made by the airlines. Business class is based upon availability and at additional cost for the Trans-Atlantic portions of your ticket. For any issues which arise in relation to airline service complaints and compensation should be addressed to the specific carrier.

AIRPORT TAXES, FEES & FUEL CHARGES Airport taxes are included in our tour packages. Airport taxes are based on departure city and government fees (airport taxes include Federal Inspection Fees for the U.S. Customs and Immigration; International Air Transportation Tax; Agricultural tax; security fees, and other airport related taxes).

SEAT ASSIGNMENT Random seats are assigned for all group participants. If you would like to secure a specific seat, or sit with a companion please advise us of such request at the time of booking, we will make an effort to accommodate you, however we cannot guarantee. If you must have specific seat we recommend you to be at the airport at least three hours prior to departure and arrange the seat assignment with your airline's gate agent. Bulkhead and exit row seating can never be requested prior to the day of departure. 206 Tours can never guarantee specific seats, which are at the discretion of the airline & are pending availability, subject to aircraft/seat map changes.

LAND ONLY Transfers are NOT included in Land Only costs. From time to time, a tour may be canceled due to non-materialization. If you chose to purchase a Land Only package and arrange your own domestic or international flight independently of us, be advised that 206 Tours is not responsible for domestic or international flights or transfers of any kind. Booked or purchased items outside of 206tours are sole responsibility of client.

TRANSFERS Our programs include group round-trip transfers. Pilgrims or passengers who did not purchase "all-inclusive tour" or who purchased land only package and are arriving or leaving independently must transfer at their own expense. Expenses incurred for transfers due to lateness of flights are at the expense of the passenger and may be claimed for reimbursement from the airlines. No smoking is allowed on motor coach.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Hotel accommodations are based on twin-bedded or double rooms. 206 Tours reserves the right to substitute similar category hotels without prior notice.

PRIVATE ROOMS and SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

A limited number of single rooms is available (on request basis only) at the supplement price. Single rooms provide privacy, but they are in some hotels smaller than twin or double rooms and sometimes may be poorly located, especially in the older hotels. As a general ratio we are able to confirm 10% of the total number of group participants in single rooms. If ratio is higher special supplements may be implemented for something referred to "single in double room" at an additional rate to the single supplement rate listed. If passengers are traveling alone and wish to have 206 Tours assign a roommate we will do our best, however, if we do not succeed in assigning a same sex roommate for you, you will be responsible for the additional Single Supplement fees.

TRIPLE ROOMS In most hotels (other than Paris) triple accommodation is possible, however, no reduction in cost is available. Due to pace of our pilgrimage schedule it's a challenge to open up all 3 suitcases and everyone's hand luggage; take showers and be on the move within appropriate time. First Class and Superior Tourist Class Hotels in general are not set up for triple rooms. Hotels usually either add a third bed which is like a fold up bed or a sofa bed. At times such as in Paris it is either impossible or worse it's the "Murphy bed". For that reason we discourage booking triple rooms. **MEALS** Most trips includes two meals per day (breakfast and dinners) which are served at your hotel or local restaurants. Beverages are not included with dinners where not indicated. In case you chose not to have a meal, there is no refund for unused meals. Although we cannot guarantee, we will try and accommodate each special meal request on flights as well as at hotels. Please advise of such a request at the time of booking. We can not guarantee that special meal/diet requests can be met.

BAGGAGE Each tour participant is permitted to bring one checked suitcase, one small carry on bag (8" x 14" x 22"), and one personal item (i.e. purse, laptop case). In general, the airlines permit 1 checked bag weighing up to 50 lbs (23 kg) and maximum dimensions of 62 in (158 cm) calculated by adding the length + the width + the height of the bag. Please check with your specific airline to verify the size and weight allowances. 206 Tours is not responsible for the loss of, theft of, delay, or damage to a participant's belongings.

RESPONSIBILITY CLAUSE 206 Tours acts as a tour operator. The suppliers providing transportation, sightseeing arrangements and hotel accommodations for the tour program are independent contractors and are not agents or employees of 206 Tours. All coupons, receipts and tickets issued are subject to the terms and conditions specified by suppliers. By utilizing the service of the suppliers, you agree that 206 Tours will not be liable for any change in flight or itinerary schedule, strikes, delay, acts of governments, fires, riots, theft, pilferage, epidemics, quarantine, medical or customs regulations, accident, loss, injury, or damage to you or to those traveling with you in connection with any accommodations, transportation or any other services or resulting directly or indirectly from any occurrence or

conditions beyond its control, including defects in vehicles, breakdown in equipment, thefts, delay or cancellation of or changes in itinerary for any act, omission, or event during the time you are on board the aircraft. Neither 206 Tours and/or agents of the airlines concerned are to be held responsible for the late arrival of passengers at airports or hotels due to inclement weather, nor are they to be held liable for payment or any refund for transfers or unused hotel accommodations or meals occasioned by such late arrivals at the hotels holding rooms as confirmed itineraries. Passengers must bear all such losses or expenses. To guard against unforeseen health or other circumstances, we recommend you purchase our optional insurance. 206 Tours is not responsible for circumstances beyond its control. In circumstances where trip cancellations resulting from the inability for trip to depart as scheduled, such as cancellations due to acts of war and/or terrorism, war, God, or nature takes place, 206 Tours is not liable for restitution. Though every effort will be made to follow the itinerary, it should be considered as an indication of the tour, rather than a contract of places to be visited. Occasionally local religious holidays, national days, traffic conditions and other events may necessitate changes in the sequence of visits or the missing of certain visits. We will have daily Mass and strive to be in places as indicated. However, sometimes this is not possible as the site may not be available for Mass or itinerary changes are forced upon us. In this case an alternative site for Mass will be arranged.

SPECIAL MEDICAL CONDITIONS THOSE WHO NEED SPECIAL ASSISTANCE You must report any disability requiring special attention to 206 Tours at the time of registration for any tour. We make every effort to accommodate disabled passengers by reserving for them wheelchair assistance at airports and handicap accessible rooms where available, however, we cannot guarantee and are not responsible for any denial of services by carriers, hotels, restaurants, or other independent suppliers. Be aware that all of our tours are operated outside the U.S. where the Americans with Disabilities Act is not applicable and facilities for disabled individuals are limited. Most transportation services, including the touring motor coaches, are not equipped with wheelchair ramps or lifts. We regret that we cannot provide individual assistance to any tour participant for walking, dining, while in their room, on flight, getting on and off motor coaches and other vehicles, or other personal needs. A qualified and physically able companion(s) must accompany passengers who need special assistance. It is the passenger Traveler's responsibility to arrange for such assistance prior to making their reservations. Motorized scooters are unsuitable and impossible to accommodate. 206 Tours is not responsible for any medical condition that occurs prior, during or after the tour. Additionally, airlines are not able to guarantee or provide assistance for disabled passengers including special seating. Pregnancy, Breast-Feeding, and Pregnant women considering international should be advised to evaluate the potential problems associated with international as well as the quality of medical care available at the destination and during transit. A pregnant woman is advised to travel with at least one companion; during her pregnancy, her level of comfort may be adversely affected by traveling.

YOUNG TRAVELERS Travelers who are less than 18 years old on the departure date must be accompanied by an adult. Due to heightened security, many countries have adopted practices to prevent international abductions of children. If a child will be traveling with adults other than the parents or with only one parent, it is recommended that a notarized letter be written by the parents or non-traveling parent granting authorization to including the dates of. We also suggest that you contact the appropriate consulate and airlines because they may have additional requirements. For the purposes of 206 Tours trips an infant is defined as anyone who is under the age of 24 months for the entire duration of their trip. A child is defined as any one between the ages of 24 months and 11 years for the entire duration of their trip.

SAFETY Please be aware that during your participation on tours operated by 206 Tours, certain risks and dangers may arise beyond our control including, but not limited to, the hazards of being in undeveloped areas; by boat, train, automobile, aircraft or other means of transportation; the forces of nature, political unrest and accident or illness in remote regions without means of rapid evacuation or medical facilities. 206 Tours does not have liability regarding provisions of medical care or the adequacy of any care that may be rendered. 206 Tours is not responsible for compensation for cities/sites omitted from the itinerary due to circumstances beyond it's control.

PHYSICALITY OF OUR TOURS Please note that almost all destinations serviced by 206 Tours require physical fitness and a lot of walking, sometimes up/or down the hills and at times very rough terrain. You may certainly stay behind for certain parts of the journey, however, it is suggested that 3 to 4 weeks before your departure one should begin preparing physically begin walking "briskly" 1-2 times a day; build up to 2-3 miles with no discomfort.

SERVICE INQUIRIES AFTER THE TRIP If upon returning from your trip, you wish to inquire about any services provided, please ensure that all correspondence is received by 206 Tours, 333 Marcus Blvd - Hauppauge, NY 11788, within 45 days of the tour completion date. This will enable us to make a timely investigation.

TOUR CANCELLATION BY OPERATOR Be clearly advised that from time to time a tour departure may be cancelled due to lack of participation. In such case, the operator's sole responsibility is to provide a full refund. 206 Tours is not responsible and does not assume responsibility for any additional costs or any fees relating to the issuance and/or cancellation of air tickets or other arrangements not made through 206 Tours. Cancellations due to state advisories and/or state warnings, Acts of War, War, Terrorism, Acts of God, Natural Disaster or any other circumstance outside the control of 206 Tours, are not the fault of 206 Tours. Great effort will be made to accommodate or to another trip or to revise itinerary, however, cancellation for any of these reasons will not be eligible for refund.

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CLOW- CHILDREN K-6: CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: Today, Sunday, December 1, the children will remain in the church with Fr. Mark and learn what Jesus teaches us in the Gospel reading

WEEK'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

DAY	GRADE	GRADE
Sun., Dec. 01	PRE-K at 9:15 AM	GR-1at 8:10 AM
	GR-4 at 7:55 AM	GR-4 at 10:45 AM
	GR-5 at 10:45 AM	
Mon., Dec. 02	GR-4 at 3:00 PM	GR-5 at 3:00 PM
	GR-8 at 6:00 PM	GR-6 at 5:00 PM
Tues., Dec. 03	GR-2 at 4:15 PM	GR-6 at 4:30 PM
	GR-10 at 6:30 PM	
Wed., Dec. 04	GR-2 at 4:15 PM	GR-7 at 6:00 PM
	GR-8 at 6:00 PM	
Thur., Dec. 05	GR-2 at 4:15 PM	GR-10 at 6:30 PM
Sun., Dec. 08	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 4:00 PM
	GR-7 at 5:00 PM	

HELP - MONITORS ARE NEEDED:

For information and details call 508-429-6076.
GR-4/5: MONITOR: - Alt Sundays 10:45AM-12:15 PM.
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.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS NATIVITY: The first rehearsal will take place on Saturday, December 7 from 9 – 10 AM. Please bring your children to Fr. Haley Hall to check in. Any questions contact Debra Frey at: specialinnkeeper1224@gmail.com.



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. **Posters are due in the R.E. Office by Friday, December 6.**

ADVENT WREATHS AND CANDLES AVAILABLE:

Having an Advent Wreath in our home has been a tradition for many families preparing for Christmas. We enter into the Church's Liturgical Season of Advent on December 1. We will have Advent wreaths with brass candle holder available for \$15.00 each and a set of Advent candles for \$6.00. These will be available beginning **Sunday, December 1** following the Masses.

CONFIRMATION II: Grade 10 classes meet on Tues., December 3 and Thurs., December 5 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.marysdr@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, December 3, the “The Bible and the Virgin Mary” series will continue from 10:00 AM to Noon in Room 3 – 4. All are welcome!

GRADE 4 CHRISTMAS HAPPENING GENERAL SESSION: On Monday, December 16 all Sunday and weekday children in Grade 4 are to attend the General Session and enjoy the wonder of making Christmas ornaments and gifts for needy children in the Holliston community. Over fifty gift bags will be assembled by the Grade 4 children while they enjoy special homemade treats brought in by parents. They will listen to the wonderful Christmas story we all know so well, the birth of our Savior in Bethlehem. The Happening is from 3 – 5 PM. The children will report directly to Fr. Haley Hall.

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. The donations will be picked up in early December. *Thank you for your help.*

COME LORD JESUS ~ ADVENT MINI-RETREAT: On Sunday, December 8 from 3:30 to 4:30 PM in the church there will be an Advent Retreat with Eucharistic Adoration. A reflection will be given on preparing our hearts for Christ's Second Coming. All are welcome. Refreshments will be served following the retreat.

GRADE 2 FIRST PENANCE: On Friday, December 6 at 6:30 PM and Saturday, December 7 at 10:30 AM, the Grade 2 children will have their First Penance. As a Community of faith let us lift all the children in prayer that they will know God's love and Mercy.

SPECIAL NEEDS: Tuesday, December 3 from 6:30 to 7:30 PM in the Library.