

In anticipation of our upcoming Parish Mission,
“Surge of the Heart,”

**JON LEONETTI will be
co-preacher at all St. Mary’s
Masses next weekend,
February 8 & 9.**

“Surge of the Heart,” commences
Sunday, Feb. 9, and continues Monday, Feb. 10
& Tuesday, Feb. 11, at 7 PM in the church.

All are welcome!



“For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy.” - St. Therese of Lisieux



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 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month. To register for Baptism Preparation call 429-4427.

Marriage: Please call at least 6 months in advance of your desired wedding date.

PARISH STAFF:

Rev. Mark J. Coiro, Pastor
 Rev. Jim Flynn, Weekend Assistance
 The Xaverian Fathers, Weekend Assistance
 Deacon John D. Barry, Permanent Deacon
 Deacon Martin Breinlinger, Senior Deacon
 Mrs. Fran Crespi, D.R.E., Grades K-7
 Mr. Jake Thiringer, D.R.E., Grades 8-12
 Mr. Kevin Lyczak, Director of Music
 Mr. Leo Racine, Director of Contemporary Music
 Mrs. Mary Beth Harris, Parish Secretary
 Mrs. Paula O'Brien, Religious Education Secretary
 Ms. Mary Sanning, Business Manager
 Mrs. Najat Whalen, Sacristan
 Mr. Billy Hanson, Parish Facilities
 R & R Landscaping, Cemetery Care

THE ROSE FOR LIFE: Is sponsored this week by the Daily Mass Community. Please join them in prayer for an unborn child. If you wish to sponsor the Rose in 2020 please call the Rectory at 429-4427.

PRAYERS AND MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday	February 1
5:00	Rita Devarakonda, 10 th Anv.
7:30	Greg Schmall
Sunday	February 2
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Boy Scout Sunday
11:30	Bernard Corsi
Monday	February 3
9:00	Peggy A. Short
Tuesday	February 4
9:00	Mary Miley
Wednesday	February 5
9:00	Joan Mullen
Thursday	February 6
9:00	Mary Miley
Friday	February 7
9:00	Edward Kane
Saturday	February 8
9:00	Robert Fortin, 5 th Anv.
5:00	For Graces from our Parish Mission for the Young.
7:30	For Graces from our Parish Mission for the Elderly and Sick.
Sunday	February 9
7:30	For Graces from our Parish Mission for Families.
9:30	For Graces from our Parish Mission for Catholics who have fallen away.
11:30	For Graces from our Parish Mission for those God knows need them most.

BOY SCOUT SUNDAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST-TODAY: Come Join Boy Scout Troop #14 for our Annual Pancake Breakfast **today** Sunday, February 2, from 8:00 AM - 12:00 noon in Father Haley Hall serving unlimited pancakes and sausages with hot coffee and orange juice. The cost is \$5.00 per person (\$20max/family), and scouts in uniform eat free! This is one of two annual fundraising events for the troop, with proceeds going to support camping activities, badge and rank advancements, and community service projects. Any boy wishing to join the troop is asked to call Chris Baribeau at (508) 429-7947, or stop in the Lower Church on a Monday night.





STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

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

LAST SUNDAY'S PARISH OFFERTORY:

Mass Collections:	\$ 10,435.00
Automatic Giving:	\$ 1,849.00
WeShare:	\$ 760.11
Total Offertory:	\$ 13,044.11

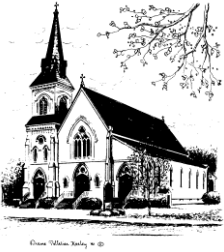
Offertory Shortfall Last Weekend: \$1,955.89

Thank you for making up any missed weekly parish from weekends travelling or away.

SECOND COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND:
 Church in Latin America \$3,411.00. Thank you.

"For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." MT 6:21

VESPERS: Come to the traditional ancient service of sung vespers! The event will take place this Wednesday, February 5 at 7:00 PM! It will be sung by the St. Mary's Youth Choir and is free and open to all.



Saint Mary's Parish

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

February 2, 2020

Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple

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

I love the story of Simeon in the temple. In fact today's Gospel is the one I have assigned for my own Funeral Mass someday. Mary and Joseph have brought the infant Christ child to be purified in the great temple in Jerusalem, according to Jewish law. There in the temple is Simeon – a holy man, to whom God had made a promise: that he would not die before he had seen the Messiah. And on this glorious day, God's promise to Simeon is fulfilled. He sees Mary and Joseph with their baby. He recognizes the presence of God – and gathers the Infant Christ into his arms. Then, with tears in his eyes, Simeon looks up to heaven and says:

"Lord, now let your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My eyes have seen the salvation You have prepared in the sight of every people; A light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people, Israel."

I want this Gospel Reading, because I hope that I will be like Simeon when my time comes to depart this earth. Not necessarily very old, like Simeon was. But FULFILLED, like Simeon was. The reason that Simeon was able to raise his eyes to heaven and tell God that he was ready to die, was because Simeon was fulfilled. He was totally at peace, with God and neighbor. *"Lord, now let your servant go in peace."*

I hope that like Simeon, I may deserve one day to be called a faithful servant of the Lord. Because when this passing life ends, our fidelity to God is the only thing that will matter. The way that we have served God by loving God and neighbor is what will count, when at last we stand before Him. *"Lord, now let your servant go in peace."*

Simeon was promised that he would not die before he had seen the messiah – the Christ of God. And in Baptism, we have been promised that we will not die without seeing Jesus' face. No longer the tiny face of an infant. But the face of the Good Shepherd. The risen and triumphant Lord Who broke the chains of death on Easter Day. And Who faces down death again, and again, and again – when any member of His flock passes from this life to the next.

It occurs to me that at times Simeon's faith in the promises of God must have been sorely tested. At first he was probably very excited to be promised a glimpse of the Messiah. But as days became months, and months became years without it actually happening – he must have wondered if the promise was true. Imagine if Simeon had given up! If that day he had decided not to go to the temple to pray. If the day Mary and Joseph brought the baby Jesus to the temple – Simeon was someplace else – putting other matters ahead of his faith. But Simeon *was* there that day. He kept faith with God even when it must have appeared that God was not keeping faith with him. And Simeon's perseverance was rewarded.

We should note that God's word to Simeon was not fulfilled as he expected. Most likely, like others of his time, Simeon was on the lookout for a great general – a military Messiah, to lead Israel to freedom and greatness. Instead, Simeon was shown an infant. An innocent. Who would lead the whole human race out of darkness. To be a light for all the nations, and the glory of God's people, Israel.

Just so will it be for you and me at certain hard times of life. We may doubt the promises of God. But if we keep faith with God, He will keep faith with us. Not in the time we expect perhaps; not in the way we might choose. But in a manner far beyond anything we could have imagined. For in the words of St. Paul, *"No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has conceived the things that God has prepared for those who love him."*

In Christ's Service and Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Rev. Mark J. Coiro
Pastor



TODAY ~ ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE THROATS: In honor of the Feast of St. Blaise, this devotion will be celebrated after all Masses this weekend.

SAINT BLAISE AND THE BLESSING OF THROATS: Sickness and suffering are mysteries that confront most Christians at some time in their lives. Believers cherish the stories of Jesus' tender concern for the poor and sick who sought to find relief and meaning in their struggles. The flesh-and-blood example of a long line of Christian witnesses whose faith sustained them in time of trial offers us hope when shadows darken our lives. Saint Blaise was such a person.

St. Blaise (also spelled Blase and Blasius) was a 3rd century physician who became Bishop of Sebaste, Armenia. On one occasion he cured a boy who was choking to death on a fish bone. This was the time of persecution under Licinius, and soon St. Blaise was forced to hide out in a cave on Mt. Argeus. Deprived of human patients, he began tending the wild animals of the surrounding forest. These animals sensed St. Blaise's holiness and would come to him with their injuries. St. Blaise was eventually captured and imprisoned; receiving a gift of candles from the mother of the boy he had saved from choking, with which to light his dark cell. He was beaten, had his flesh torn by wool combs, and was beheaded, martyred along with seven women.

Because of the cure of the boy's throat when the boy was choking, St. Blaise is patron against troubles of the throat. St. Blaise is also the patron of veterinarians and against attacks of wild animals. He is represented in art as a Bishop holding a candle, with wool combs, or in a cave surrounded by wild animals. A framed image of St. Blaise with both candle and wool comb has been placed in the sanctuary for this weekend.

On or near February 3, the Feast of Saint Blaise, the Church continues its ministry to the sick with the blessing of throats. This blessing invokes God's healing and protection. Two blessed candles, joined in the form of a cross, are placed around the throat of each person seeking a blessing. The minister then prays, "Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." The blessing will be offered after all Masses this weekend. Humbled by physical weakness, we acknowledge our faith in God's protective love for all who call upon His name.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP: Our next trip is on Tuesday, February 18 to Coco Key WaterPark. Our February Meeting is Sunday, February 23 from **6:30 – 8:00 PM**. There will be a presentation on this summer's Whitewater Rafting Trips, including a video and pre-sign ups to assure your spot! Also, there will be sign-ups for hosting the St. Paul's Boys Choir on Friday, March 27, the Monday, March 16, 8th Grade BINGO service trip to St. Patrick Manor, and for the Friday, March 20 Late Night Cosmic Bowling Trip! All 6th, 7th and 8th Graders are welcome. Bring a friend!



ST. MARY'S EPIC – HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP: The St. Mary's Summer Mission Trip will be July 26 to August 1 to Gulfport, Mississippi. Right on the Gulf Coast, Gulfport has still not fully recovered from Hurricane Katrina. The community remains stricken by poverty and needs our help. Mission Trip Paperwork can be picked up from the Religious Ed. Office or during Confirmation Prep Classes and needs to be submitted to the St. Mary's Youth Ministry office by Friday, February 7. Teens must attend 5 EPIC Meetings and 1 EPIC Service Project before participation in the Mission Trip. (There are still 5 Meetings left and we could schedule an extra one if needed.)

Adults who chaperoned the 2019 Mission Trip can submit sign up paperwork as normal. Adults who were not on the 2019 Trip should speak to EPIC Adult Leaders Kim Latifi or Kathleen Larche to discuss expectations and skillsets needed from trip chaperones. Adult Chaperones are expected to be involved with EPIC meetings and events leading up to the mission trip. Prospective teen leaders for the Mission Trip should have been contacted to schedule their interview. Contact Youth Minister Jake Thiringer (stmarysym1870@gmail.com) for more information on the Mission Trip.

Remaining EPIC Winter/ Spring Events: General Meetings - February 12 (Wednesday), March 1, March 29, May 3 and May 31 from 7:15 – 8:45 PM in FHH, \$5 Dues.

Teen Mass - 6:00 PM on Sunday, March 29 followed by a General Meeting from 7:00 – 8:30 PM in FHH.

Prayer and Planning Meeting on March 22 from 7:15 – 8:15 PM in Classrooms 3 and 4.

Service Project, Blessings Bags on Sunday, March 8 at 7:15 PM in FHH.

SURGE OF THE HEART

Parish Mission With Jon Leonetti

**Sunday, Monday & Tuesday
February 9, 10 & 11, 2020
7 PM in the church
All are welcome**

Jon is an international Catholic speaker, best-selling author and radio host who conveys a message of lasting fulfillment in Jesus Christ. Through Jon's Parish Missions, thousands of Catholics each year discover the freedom Christ offers by way of His life and love.

“One of the most inspiring Parish Missions available in America today.” - Matthew Kelly



SURGE OF THE HEART! Experience this LIVE three evening deep-dive into the truth and beauty of Catholicism with renowned speaker and author Jon Leonetti. Designed to create meaningful momentum in our Parish for Jesus Christ and His Catholic Church. Surge of the Heart is a series where you will laugh, grow, be inspired, and never forget!

EVENING ONE (SUNDAY, FEB. 9) WHO IS GOD AND WHY DOES THAT MATTER?

We cannot love someone we don't know. Therefore, in order to love God we have to first know God. So how do we come to know God? We examine the ways He's revealed Himself to us. And in understanding the ways He's revealed Himself to us, we better understand who we are and what our mission in life is all about. After all, selfishness, greed, resentment, ego make us miserable. It's the Cross of Jesus Christ and the power of the Gospel that can set us free.

EVENING TWO (MONDAY, FEB. 10) GOD'S DREAM FOR YOUR LIFE

God's dream is to make you a saint. On this second evening, Jon shares both powerful and humorous stories of Catholic men and women who revolutionized their generation, living and sharing the extraordinary love and mercy of God in the most ordinary of ways. They're stories that will make you laugh and stories that will make you cheer—and stories that will make you want to go and do likewise.

EVENING THREE (TUESDAY, FEB. 11) LIVING GOD'S DREAM

Every saint had a mission. Every saint had a plan. We should, too. On this third evening, Jon shares the three things every saint had in common, and how we can implement them into our lives as well. There may not be any more important thing we will ever do. Let's get to work. Let's be saints!

3 Nights, 1 Mission, All Catholic!

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ST. MARY'S 150th ANNIVERSARY GALA SILENT AUCTION: Interested in donating to the St. Mary's 150th Anniversary Gala Silent Auction? We are looking for donations of all kinds. Perhaps you are a season ticket holder, a business owner, someone who owns a vacation house who can offer a weekend getaway, or maybe you have a special talent or service you could donate (culinary professional, massage therapist, painter, musician, personal health instructor). This would be a great opportunity to help make St. Mary's Anniversary celebration a great success! We would love to hear from you! Please contact Paula Watt at 401-256-8341 or Paula.Watt@ymail.com.

COMING SOON TO A LOBBY NEAR YOU! Now playing in the Religious Ed. Center lobby! Learn the entire history of St. Mary's Parish in only 20 minutes. The Parish History segment of the Anniversary Video Series is now making its debut. If this inspires you to look through your own collections of St. Mary's memories or memorabilia, I would love it if you would share them with me. Contact Betty Febo at 508-429-7190 or betty.febo@gmail.com.

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.

WINGS (Women in God's Spirit): Please join us this Wednesday, February 5, when WINGS continues its Winter 2020 Season on Great Themes of the Old Testament presented by Sr. Agnes Therrien. Session 3, on February 5, will be "God is Ever Faithful." We will look at some of the ways that God was faithful to His promises. WINGS will not meet if Holliston schools are canceled due to bad weather. The WINGS ministry provides an opportunity for women to deepen their faith, no matter where they are on their spiritual journey. Please join us whether you can attend each week or just some weeks. 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.

BLESSING OF MARRIED COUPLES: In honor of World Marriage Month, St. Mary's will offer a special blessing to all married persons at Masses on February 15 and 16. As is our custom, the couple at each Mass present together and married the longest will be presented with roses, as we honor all our married couples and ask God's grace upon them.

2020 CORI RENEWAL ALERT: All active volunteers (18 years and older) must complete a 2020 CORI. Forms are being sent out to all volunteers via Constant Contact as an attachment. If you have access to a printer, you may fill them in at home and come to the Religious Education Office for verification and signature. You will need to show a photo ID and place your driver's license number on the form. Bring your completed CORI form to the RE office or to a Staff member. CORI forms are available on the table outside the Religious Education Office.

MUSIC	5:00 PM	9:30 AM	11:30 AM
Entrance	#547	#473	#473
Offertory	#589	-	-
Communion	#587	#333	#325
Recessional	#544	#377	#377



CLOW- CHILDREN K-6: CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: Today, Sunday, February 2, 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., Feb. 02	PRE-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	
Mon., Feb. 03	GR-4 at 3:00 PM	GR-5 at 3:00 PM
	GR-6 at 5:00 PM	GR-8 at 6:00 PM
Tues., Feb. 04	GR-6 at 4:30 PM	GR-10 at 6:30 PM
Wed., Feb. 05	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. Feb. 06	GR-10 at 6:30 PM	
Sun., Feb. 09	NO CLASSES	

HELP - MONITORS ARE NEEDED: For details and training please 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.

CHRISTIAN SEXUALITY WORKSHOP PREVIEWS FOR PARENTS WHO HAVE GR-5 CHILDREN: Parents who were unable to attend the parent workshops and would like their child to attend the student workshop on Saturday, March 21 may contact Fran and schedule a viewing. No child will be allowed to attend the student Christian Sexuality Workshop without a parent previewing the program or by submitting a signed Previously Previewed Permission Form to the R. E. Office by March 8.

GRADE 3 PARENT ROSARY WORKSHOP: On Saturday, February 8 there will be a Rosary making workshop from 10 – 11 AM in Room 3 and 4 to string and prepare kits for the Grade 3 children's Rosary workshop scheduled on Sunday, March 8 from 2 – 4 PM. Grade 3 teachers and parents with Grade 3 children are asked to volunteer their time to make the Rosary kits. This is a morning filled with great conversation and fun.

GRADE 5 SPONSORED HEALING MASS IS ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23 AT 11:30 AM: The Grade 5 children will participate in the Scripture readings, greeting parishioners and witnessing the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick at the close of the Mass as part of their curriculum. Please take note of their posters on the entrance doors of the parish center next week. St. Mary's has wheelchair access by using the elevator located on the Elm Street parking lot.

CONFIRMATION I: Grade 10 is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, February 4 and Thursday, February 6 at 6:30 PM in Fr. Haley Hall.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2020: The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred by Bishop Reed on Saturday, September 26 at the 10:30 AM and 1:30 PM Masses this year.

GRADES 5 COORDINATOR IS STILL NEEDED: Our Grade Coordinators are vital to our R.E. program and assist the DRE in planning, scheduling and contacting families during the year regarding class reminders and assist with events. 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.marysdre1870@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, February 4, the "The Bible and the Virgin Mary" series will continue from 10:00 AM to Noon in Room 3 – 4. All are welcome!

PARENT NOTICE REGARDING PICKING UP CHILDREN FROM THE CENTER: A signed note is required from a parent if their child is going to be picked-up from the center by another designated person. This policy is in place to protect your child. **ALSO:** Parents must come into the center to pick-up their child at the end of class. This policy is for students through Grade 8.

NOTICE TO PARENTS WITH CHILDREN IN OUR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM: The Holliston Public School bus schedule is changing in the fall of 2020 and our R. E. office will be sending out a survey to parents regarding the start times for R.E. classes during weekdays for Grades 3, 4, 5... Since the Miller school will release at **1:52 PM** instead of 2:32 PM our concern is for the safety of your children and recruiting teachers for a **2:30 PM** class start time. Many Grade 3, 4 and 5 children have walked to the center for class in the past twelve years giving working parents the opportunity to pick up their children at 4:30 PM. With the new release time, classes will have to start earlier if parents want their children to walk to the R.E. Center. We are looking for your input regarding what would be a safe and convenient time to start classes and meet your family needs. Please respond to our survey when you receive it for planning our 2020-2021 classes.