





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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Email Address: St.Marys1870@gmail.com
Rectory Phone: 429 - 4427
Religious Education Phone: 429 - 6076

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

MUSIC	5:00 PM	9:30 AM	11:30 AM
Entrance	#107	#119	#109
Offertory	#100	#111	-
Communion	#436	#367,327	#366
Recessional	#476	#476	#476

Monday, March 9 through Saturday, March 14:
No 9 AM Daily Mass these days.
Daily Mass resumes on Monday, March 16.

PRAYERS AND MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday	February 29
5:00	Richard Burrows 11 th Anv.
7:30	George T. Oswald
Sunday	March 1
7:30	Joseph Calapa 18 th Anv.
9:30	People of St. Mary's
11:30	Carol Howland, 17 th Anv.
Monday	March 2
9:00	William Archambault
Tuesday	March 3
9:00	Peter Markunas
Wednesday	March 4
9:00	Joseph Palladino
Thursday	March 5
9:00	Brenda Chamberlain
Friday	March 6
9:00	Fr. Issa & the People of our Sister Parish, Our Lady of Fatima, Beit Sahour
Saturday	March 7
9:00	* No Mass
5:00	Dorothy Lengel, Month's Mind
7:30	People of St. Mary's
Sunday	March 8
7:30	Robert Wilcox
9:30	Girl Scouts of America
11:30	Francis Murphy, 1 st Anv.



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March 1, 2020
1st Sunday of Lent

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

As we enter the church today, we see the lush greenery of Ordinary Time replaced with rocks and thorny brambles. This transformation of our worship space marks the start of our Lenten journey – a sojourn into the wilderness. For forty days we will forsake comfort and luxury in favor of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving. Of these three Lenten practices, perhaps fasting is the most underutilized. Whereas today's Gospel relates that Jesus *"ate nothing"* during His forty days in the wild places of the desert, our Catholic faith requires only that we fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. These days, however, represent a bare minimum. Persons in good health are encouraged to fast more often during Lent – perhaps one day each week (traditionally on Fridays).

Physically, such fasting allows the body to purify itself of toxins and to divert energy normally used for digestion to other needs. Spiritually, such fasting represents a self-emptying; a lessening of the hold this world has on us as we seek first the things that are of God. It also fosters a self-discipline that can be valuable in almost every other area of life. If a sinful habit has taken hold of us, for instance, to the point that we very much feel in the grip of something beyond our control, fasting can be part of finding our freedom again. Remember the occasion when the disciples came to Jesus bewildered that they had been unable to cure a possessed boy? *"Why could we not cast him out?"* they asked Jesus. And Jesus answered, *"This kind can be driven out in no way except by prayer and fasting."* (Mark 9:29)

Nor is our Lenten fasting to be limited only to food. In the words of St. John Chrysostom:

*"Do you fast? Give me proof of it by your works.
If you see a poor man, take pity on him.
If you see a friend being honored, do not envy him.*

*Do not let only your mouth fast,
but also the eye and the ear and the feet and the hands
and all the members of our bodies.*

*Let the hands fast, by being free of avarice.
Let the feet fast, by ceasing to run after sin.
Let the eyes fast, by disciplining them not to look upon that which is sinful.*

*Let the ear fast, by not listening to evil talk and gossip.
Let the mouth fast from foul words and criticism.
For what good is it if we abstain from the flesh of animals, only to bite and
devour our brothers through our speech?*

*May He who came to the world to save sinners, strengthen us to
complete the fast with humility, have mercy on us and save us."*

God bless you.

Rev. Mark J. Coiro
Pastor



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: \$ 8,695.00

Automatic Giving: \$ 5,051.50

WeShare: \$ 740.96

Total Offertory: \$ 14,487.46

Shortfall: \$ 512.54

SECOND COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND:

Church Around the World \$3,482.00. Thank you!

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND:

Catholic Charities - carrying out international relief and solidarity efforts. Programs include relief and resettlement for victims of persecution, war, and natural disasters. Thank you for your kind support."

CATHOLIC APPEAL: In the next few weeks, the 2020 Catholic Appeal will be launched in all parishes throughout the Archdiocese. Each of us is responsible not only for the wellbeing of our parish, but also for the wellbeing of the Church throughout our Archdiocese. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this year's Appeal.

DONUTS, JUICE AND COFFEE: Please join us today, Sunday, March 1, after the 9:30 AM Mass in Fr. Haley Hall for refreshments and camaraderie. DJ&C is also a great chance to welcome new families who have joined our parish.

NOW PLAYING IN THE R. E. CENTER LOBBY:

We have a new segment of our Anniversary Video Series now playing in the R. E. Center lobby: Parish Pastors. Come see all the inspiring Pastors who have guided our Parish through the years to its current vibrancy. Parish Pastors will be available for the month of March. The entire video series will repeat in the Fall.

2020 CORI RENEWAL ALERT: All active volunteers (18 years and older) must complete a 2020 CORI. Forms have been sent out to all volunteers via Constant Contact as an attachment. Complete and print at home then come to the R. E. Office for verification and signature. You will need to show a photo ID and place your driver's license number on the form. CORI forms are available on the table outside the Religious Education Office.

KEEPING A HOLY LENT ~ FULL ST. MARY'S LENTEN SCHEDULE AT:
<https://bit.ly/37Mvg41>

Commemorating Jesus' withdrawal into the desert for 40 days, Lent is marked by fasting, prayer and almsgiving. The sacrifices Catholics make during Lent are a reflection of Jesus' deprivation in the wilderness and on the Cross, as well as a test of self-discipline. It is a time of "detachment" from earthly goods and pleasures, in favor of spiritual and eternal ones. Whereas Easter celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus after His death on the Cross, Lent recalls the events leading up to and including Jesus' crucifixion by Rome.

Fasting: Catholics over eighteen and up to the beginning of their sixtieth year are bound to the obligation of fasting. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are the days of fasting. On these days, only one full meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed.

Abstinence: Catholics over fourteen years of age are bound to the obligations of abstinence. Abstinence is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent. On abstinence days, meat may not be used at all.

Regarding other weekdays of Lent, participation in daily Mass and the voluntary observance of fasting is recommended. Commendable, particularly during Lent, is generosity to local, national and world programs of sharing our abundance, the traditional Lenten Devotions and all the self-denial summed up in the concept of "mortification."

TODAY, SUNDAY, MARCH 1 ~ LENTEN MINI-RETREAT, 2 - 3 PM WITH ADORATION:

Everyone is welcome to join together and prepare our hearts for this Lenten journey with Our Lord. Deacon John will Expose the Blessed Sacrament for one hour of Adoration and deacon - candidate Ron Dowding will offer a reflection for Lent. The reflection is titled - "Jesus' Gifts of Grace Along the Way of the Cross."





LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS: It is that time again when we will be preparing and enjoying the Lenten Soup Suppers at St. Mary's Parish. The remaining evenings scheduled for the Lenten Soup Suppers are: **March 6, March 13, March 20, March 27 and April 3.** Dinners begin at 6:00 PM and end between 7:30 - 8:00 PM. The exception is the evening of March 27 where the dinner will begin at 5:30 PM and end at 7:00 PM so that parishioners can attend the musical concert offered by the St. Paul's Boys Choir of Cambridge. The suppers are wonderful events, time to share a meal, meet and get to know other parishioners, and greet and speak to our Confirmation student helpers. Spiritual reflections will be offered by our Deacons Marty and John, our own Juanita Campos-Rivera and Fr. Mark. Food contributions are homemade by the parishioners and they are all delicious! People make cauldrons of soup, trays of mac n' cheese/pasta, breads and desserts. **Please consider coming to one or all of the evenings.** If there are free will donations, half the sum is given to the Parish Emergency Fund, and the other half to a charity. You can sign up to participate in the meal at: <https://bit.ly/2OwJRSE>. Pick your available date and what you would like to bring. A signup sheet is also on the R.E. Office door. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

LENT 4.2: Lent 4.2 is a faith formation program of prayer, fasting and almsgiving focused on the call we have received to care for the earth. The program was created by Fr. Joseph Mitchell, CP, and designed by the Passionist Earth and Spirit Center of Louisville, KY. Lent 4.2 talks about a different aspect of our relationship with the earth and its resources each week of Lent. The focus this week, the First Week of Lent, is on food and this week's Lenten practice is to buy and eat responsibly. There is a weekly feature in the Lent 4.2 program called "If you can do only one thing..." This week's action is to abstain from meat. You'll find other steps you can take as well as Church statements about food resources on the program's website www.lent42.org; click on Online Resources.

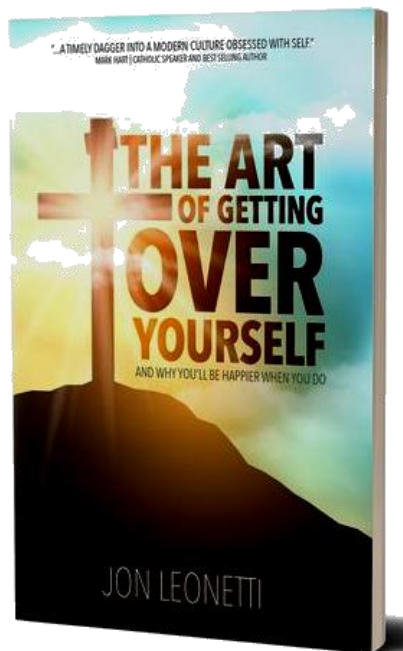
PENNIES FROM HEAVEN ~ LENT 2020: Please bring your pennies and spare change to the Religious Education lobby during this Lenten Season as an offering for our friends in Sierra Leone, Africa. Our pennies are being sent to Fr. Peter Yillah, a Xavarian Parish Priest in Sierra Leone, who is most grateful for our gift to his mission.

EVENING PRAYER: Come enjoy Lenten Evening Prayer, Tuesdays at 7 PM in the Church, (15-20 minutes). This is the daily prayer of the Catholic Church consisting of psalms, hymns, and intercessions. Come find peace at day's end. March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 and April 7.

SUNG CHORAL VESPERS: Sunday, March 22 from 6 - 6:30 PM and Wednesday, April 1 from 7 - 7:30 PM. Vespers, part of the Liturgy of the Hours, is meant to give thanks for the day just past and makes an evening sacrifice of praise to God. Sung by our talented Youth Choir, Vespers includes the singing of psalms, intercessions and prayers. Come experience the beauty of sung prayer.

40 HOURS DEVOTION: Sunday, March 22 - Tuesday, March 24. Sign up in the Sanctuary Book to spend a specific hour in Adoration with Our Eucharistic Lord. This is St. Mary's 14th straight year of the Devotion!

ST. PAUL'S BOY CHOIR LENTEN CONCERT: Friday, March 27, 7 - 8 PM in St. Mary's Church. Start your Lent with an evening of rapturous music by the internationally acclaimed Boys Choir of St. Paul's Archdiocesan Choir School in Cambridge. For more information on the St. Paul's Choir School, visit www.saintpaulschoirschool.us.



KEEPING THE MISSION ALIVE/BOOK DISCUSSION: During St. Mary's recent Parish Mission, Jon Leonetti provided his three books for sale. Given the response (he sold out), it seems that Mission participants are interested in continuing to think and pray about Jon's message. So, on Thursday, April 16, at 7 PM, we will have a discussion of his book 'The Art of Getting Over Yourself' in the Parish Library. All are welcome. Feel free to reach out to Lisa Dufault at lisadufault@yahoo.com or Diane Collins at diathome17@aol.com if you have any questions.

CREATION CARE TEAM: The Creation Care Team will show the Pixar animated film, Wall-E, on Saturday, March 14 at 10:00 AM in Rooms 3 and 4 of the Parish Center. (Please, no unaccompanied children.) Refreshments will be available. Wall-E is a G rated movie that has engaging characters and a positive message about the future of the human race. Come join us for some fun...and popcorn!

BOOK REVIEW BY SHARON FEBO: The new book, Wild at Heart: America's Turbulent Relationship with Nature, from Exploitation to Redemption by Alice Outwater, (New York, NY: St. Martin's Press, 2019) provides historical perspective on current environmental difficulties including climate change and plastic pollution in the oceans. For instance, Outwater outlines previous ecological challenges related

to migratory birds and waterway pollution which, when met with determination and resolve, led to the growth of the Audubon Society in the early 1900s and the passage of the Clean Water Act in 1972, respectively. Wild at Heart provides an interesting look at the way our relationship with nature has evolved over time and gives some hope that we too may eventually be able to resolve our current issues.



Silent Auction



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.

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.

WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS: *"Virtue is nothing without the trial of temptation, for there is no conflict without an enemy, no victory without strife."* - Pope St. Leo the Great



shampoo, conditioner, Chap Stick, feminine hygiene products, hand sanitizer, wet wipes, socks, wash cloths, gloves, small snacks and band aids. Our next General Meeting will be Sunday, March 8, from 7:15 to 8:45 PM in Fr. Haley Hall. Please bring your \$5 dues. This meeting is the final deadline for paperwork for the EPIC Mission Trip to Gulfport Mississippi from July 26 – August 1. Please speak to Jake Thiringer (stmarysym1870@gmail.com) for more information. Our original schedule had the General Meeting on March 1 and the Blessings Bags on March 8. However, due to scheduling the two events had to be switched, sorry for the confusion.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP: Our next MSYG meeting is Sunday, March 15, from 6:30 – 8 PM in Fr. Haley Hall. There will be Lenten sandwich making for the homeless and signups & payments for both this summer's Whitewater Rafting Trips. All 6th, 7th & 8th Graders are invited for faith, friendship and fun. Bring a friend! Next Events: The St. Paul's Boys Choir St. Paul's Boys Choir on Friday, March 27, the Monday, March 16, 8th Grade BINGO service trip to St. Patrick Manor, and the Friday, March 20 Late Night Cosmic Bowling Trip! All 6th, 7th and 8th Graders are welcome. Bring a friend!

BLESSED MOTHER SCHOLARSHIP: Scholarship Applications are now available in the Religious Education Office. This \$2,000 scholarship is granted in recognition of exceptional service to the St. Mary's Parish Family. Applicants must meet the following criteria: Graduating from High School in the Spring of 2020; Accepted to a four-year college or university to commence classes in the Fall of 2020; Family registered at St. Mary's Parish for at least two full years; Completed Religious Education and received the Sacrament of Confirmation; Attend Mass weekly at St. Mary's and are otherwise living out their Catholic faith. Applications are due to the Scholarship Committee by Easter Sunday, April 12. The Scholarship will be presented at St. Mary's Mass for the Graduating Class of 2020, Sunday, May 17 at 11:30 AM.



WINGS (Women in God's Spirit): WINGS will not meet this week. We have just finished an inspiring Winter Season with Sr. Agnes Therrien. Our Spring Season, Recognizing God's Grace in Our Lives, will begin on Wednesday, March 18. 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. WINGS charges dues of \$15 per season; however, everyone is most welcome regardless of ability to pay. For more information please call Jennifer Schiller 617-852-9632 or to sign-up: betty.febo@gmail.com.

ST. MARYS' WOMEN'S GROUP: SMWG will be meeting on Wednesday, March 11 in the Parish library for our annual social afternoon of conversation and fun. The meeting starts at 12 Noon and wraps up at 2 PM. All are welcome!

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: Please join us at 10 AM this Friday, March 6, at Christ the King Lutheran Church at 600 Central Street in Holliston as we join with the women of Zimbabwe for the World Day of Prayer.

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

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

DAY	GRADE	GRADE
Sun., Mar. 01	PRE-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
Mon., Mar. 02	GR-4 at 3:00 PM	GR-5 at 3:00 PM
Tues., Mar. 03	GR-6 at 4:30 PM	GR-10 at 6:30 PM
Wed., Mar. 04	GR-2 at 4:15 PM	GR-5 at 3:00 PM
Thur., Mar. 05	GR-10 at 6:30 PM	

HELP - MONITORS 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 want their child to participate in the student workshop on Saturday, March 21 can attend the Thursday, March 5 parent workshop at 7:00 PM. Please contact Fran if you are planning to attend at: st.marysdrel870@gmail.com. Our office must have a signed "Permission" or "Previously Previewed" form in order for their child to attend the student workshop.

GRADE 5 GENERAL SESSION ON HOLY

ORDERS: On Monday, March 2, all Grade 5 children in Sunday and weekday classes are to meet in the church with Fr. Mark at 3:00 PM for a presentation on the Sacrament of Holy Orders. Parents are to pick-up will be in Fr. Haley Hall at 4:30 PM.

GRADE 3 ROSARY MAKING SESSION: On Sunday, March 8, from 2 to 4 PM (two hour session), all Grade 3 children are to attend the Rosary Making session and make their Rosary beads. The children will also view a video on the apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Fatima, Portugal. Grade 3 teachers are to attend and parents are to pick up their children in Fr. Haley Hall at 4:00 PM.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2020 – JULY 20 - 24:

Get ready for "Rocky Railway" - a program made for train loving children who dream of adventure and travel.

SPECIAL NEEDS: Meeting takes place in the Library on Tuesday, March 3 at 6:30 PM.

CONFIRMATION I: Grade 10 is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, March 3 and Thursday, March 5 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.

GRADE 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.marysdrel870@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, March 3, the four part series with Bishop Robert Barron on the **Eucharist as Sacred Meal, Sacrifice and Real Presence I and II** will continue in Room 3 – 4 from 10:00 AM to 12 Noon. All are welcome! Bishop Barron tells us, "The Eucharist is not a luxury, but a necessity, for without it, we would, in a spiritual sense, starve to death."

THE SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST: PART I:

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church the Holy Eucharist completes our Christian initiation. Those who have been raised in the dignity of the royal priesthood by **Baptism** and configured more deeply by **Confirmation** participate with the whole community in the Lord's own sacrifice by means of the Eucharist (CCC 3322). "At the Last Supper, on the night He was betrayed, our Savior instituted the Eucharistic sacrifice of His Body and Blood. This He did in order to perpetuate the sacrifice of the Cross throughout the ages until He should come again, and so to entrust to His beloved Spouse, the Church, a memorial of His death and resurrection: a Sacrament of love, a sign of unity, a bond of charity, a Paschal banquet 'in which Christ is consumed, the mind is filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory is given to us.'" (CCC 1323).

FY2020 CORI RENEWAL ALERT FOR

VOLUNTEER MINISTRIES: Ministry Leaders are to make sure that **all** their active volunteers (18 years and older) renew and complete a FY2020 CORI.