

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.

NEXT WEEKEND - 2020 CATHOLIC APPEAL

Please bring your completed, blue C.A. Pledge Envelope to Mass next weekend.

Through the Appeal St. Mary's joins with all 283 parishes in the Archdiocese of Boston in supporting the 50 ministries that benefit hundreds of pastoral, charitable and educational programs. Your generous support and participation is critical to the success of the 2020 Catholic Appeal at St. Mary's and helps move us forward in hope as we seek to better embody the Gospel message in our lives. For more information on the 2020 Catholic Appeal, please visit BostonCatholicAppeal.org. Thank you for your prayers and support as we all help further the Church's mission. To join with St. Mary's in our goal to raise \$87,486, please pledge your support. Envelopes are in this weekend's bulletin. Online pledges may be made at www.BostonCatholicAppeal.org. Please be sure to identify St. Mary's, Holliston as your parish. Thank you for your support of this important effort!



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

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

LAST SUNDAY'S PARISH OFFERTORY:

- Mass Collections: \$ 11,536.00
- Automatic Giving: \$ 4,611.00
- WeShare: \$ 872.91
- Total Offertory: \$ 17,019.91

SECOND COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND:

Catholic Charities \$ 3,597.00. Thank you!

BLESSED MOTHER SCHOLARSHIP: Scholarship Applications are now available in the R. E. Office.

PRAYERS AND MASS INTENTIONS:

- Saturday March 7**
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, 1st Anv.

Monday, March 9 through Saturday, March 14: Due to the Holy Land Pilgrimage postponement, there will be 9 AM daily Mass these days. The intentions are from Mass Cards and will be announced at Mass.

- Saturday March 14**
5:00 Philip Meuse, 7th Anv.
7:30 Leslie Higgins
- Sunday March 15**
7:30 People of St. Mary's
9:30 Helen Medwid
11:30 Patrick McDonald

THE ROSE FOR LIFE: Is sponsored this week by a St. Mary's parishioner. Please join her in prayer for an unborn child.

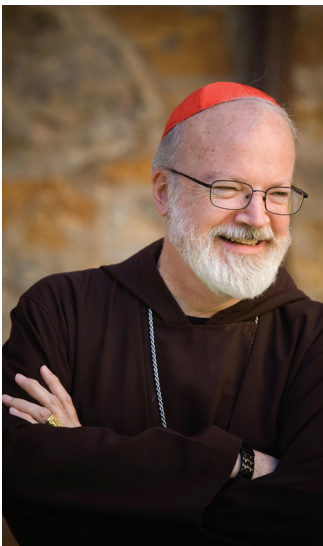
ST. MARYS' WOMEN'S GROUP: SMWG will be meeting this Wednesday, March 11 in the Parish Library for our annual social afternoon of conversation and fun. The meeting starts at 12 Noon and wraps up at 2 PM. All are welcome!

CREATION CARE TEAM: Will show the Pixar animated film, Wall-E, next Saturday, March 14 at 10:00 AM in Rooms 3 and 4 of the Parish Center. (Please, no unaccompanied children). 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!

MUSIC	5:00 PM	9:30 AM	11:30 AM
Entrance	#312	#104	#104
Offertory	#100	-	-
Communion	#499	#320	#325
Recessional	#582	#415	#415



This is **OUR CHURCH**



A message from Cardinal Seán

My Brothers and Sisters,

As we enter this Lenten season of reflection and prayer, we also look forward with great hope and anticipation to furthering Christ's mission to serve the least among us while passing on our faith to future generations.

We are blessed with many thriving ministries in the Archdiocese of Boston that allow us to continue this important work and live our faith together. Thus, I ask you to please support the work of these ministries that enrich our parishes, schools, and the broader communities.

Your generosity to the Appeal has a profound impact on the important efforts of our Campus Ministry programs at local colleges, a focused initiative to increase the Catholic identity of our schools, and the work of hospital chaplains who bring a message of hope and the presence of Christ to all those they encounter. Your gift also supports our multicultural communities where Mass is being celebrated in 22 different languages each week. Additionally, the Appeal supports many who work to strengthen parish life including the growing number of members of the laity who serve as Pastoral Associates.

I ask that you review the important and powerful information that follows. Together we can continue these crucial efforts. This is our Church and every gift to the Appeal makes a difference in the lives of so many. Thank you for your consideration of this important request.

With profound gratitude and the assurance of my prayers,

+ Seán, OFMcap

Archbishop of Boston

Here are some examples of how your generosity each year helps to provide support, guidance, and training across...

 **283** Parishes

 **350+** Religious Ed Directors

 **117,000+** youth learning the faith

 **56** Pastoral Associates

 **164** Deacons



HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY. A MINISTRY OF MERCY.

A hospital can often be a place of great uncertainty and concern for patients and hospital staff alike. At Winchester Hospital, however, Mary Beth Moran brings a ministry of presence to everyone she meets, offering a message of hope during challenging times. In addition to our 28 hospital chaplains, your gift to the Appeal also supports Catholic chaplains serving inmates in 23 state and county correctional facilities in the Archdiocese.

Your gift helps our chaplains bring Christ's love and mercy to all those they encounter.

ETHNIC MINISTRIES. MASSES IN 22 LANGUAGES.

Ours has always been an immigrant Church and we celebrate our cultural diversity. Each weekend Mass is celebrated in many different languages at 88 parishes. For many immigrants starting a new life in our country, our parishes are the first place they can call home. Our Ethnic Ministries staff works tirelessly to provide advocacy and consultation services to all our multicultural communities. This team is an essential part of the future growth of our Church.

Your gift helps to bring the mission of Christ to multicultural communities in our Church.





110 Catholic Schools



32,000+ students from **185** communities



3,500+ faculty members



130+ professional development sessions for school leaders and faculty



144 Communities



3 Pregnancy Help Centers serving **100+** women every month



64 Faith Community Nurses



24 groups providing palliative care services



190 people at parishes and schools trained in opioid overdose prevention



CAMPUS MINISTRY. A GAME-CHANGER ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES.

Many students like Marcella, a senior at Boston University, arrive on college campuses needing to take ownership of their faith lives for the first time as young adults away from home and family. Research shows that students who leave the faith in college no longer return at a later age. And that is why the importance of our Campus Ministry programs on more than 25 campuses across our Archdiocese cannot be overstated.

Your gift helps our Campus Ministry programs bring college students closer to Christ.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS. GO FURTHER WITH FAITH.

From an early age, Catholic school students like those at Our Lady's Academy in Waltham learn that a great education means more than solving complex problems or getting high test scores. "Our students are given the tools of the trade needed for success in the world. But more importantly, they're given the values of Christ which prepare them to be citizens on earth and citizens in heaven," said Fr. Jim DiPerri, pastor of Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted Parish and Our Lady's Academy in Waltham.

Your gift supports the work of the Catholic Schools Office in developing great programs, teachers, and administrators that help students go further with faith.



2020 CATHOLIC APPEAL

You are invited to pledge your support to the Catholic Appeal. The Appeal represents the largest single source of funding for the life-affirming and life-saving ministries in the Archdiocese.

Support Areas	Percent of FY19 Central Ministries Budget
Enriching Parish Life – Pastoral Planning and training for faith formation for youth and adults, parish nurses and pastoral associates and providing parish services support. Outreach and support for the multicultural communities and persons with disabilities, Deaf Apostolate, Ethnic Ministry, and more.	37%
Administrative Support – These offices provide services to parishes, schools and many other entities in our Archdiocese in the areas of Real Estate, Risk Management, IT, Human Resources, Benefits, Legal Counsel and more.	21%
Vocations and Clergy Support – Encouraging and fostering vocations to the priesthood, permanent diaconate and religious life; Clergy Personnel; and more.	12%
Church Leadership – Support for the leadership in our Archdiocese and our relations with the larger Church, Canonical Affairs, Communications, Cardinal's Office.	10%
Support for Those in Need – Chaplaincy programs in hospitals and prisons, bereavement support, palliative care, healing ministries, and spiritual care for those affected by addiction.	8%
Support for Families – Preserving Catholic family values through activities to promote the dignity of life from conception to natural death; Project Rachel, Pro-Life Office, Family Life Office; and the Metropolitan Tribunal.	6%
Catholic Education – Central office support and training for the 110 Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Boston.	6%

Note: The Catholic Appeal does not provide financial support for priests on administrative leave, or the financial settlements and counseling/medication costs for victims of clergy abuse.

If you have received Cardinal Seán's letter in the mail and already made your pledge, **thank you!**

How you can participate

- Use the in-pew envelope to make a gift or pledge.
- Make a donation online or learn more about the benefits of giving by direct debit, donor advised funds, stock or IRA contribution by visiting our secure website **bostoncatholicappeal.org**.



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HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE POSTPONEMENT: This past Wednesday, Bethlehem and other Holy Places on our Parish Pilgrimage Itinerary were closed off due to coronavirus cases. In light of this, and the escalating coronavirus situation there, our St. Mary's Pilgrimage has been postponed to March 12 - 21, 2021. The items collected for the school at our Sister Parish in Beit Sahour (also now closed off to travelers), will be shipped instead of carried by the pilgrims. The prayer intentions we collected at Mass to be prayed each day in the Holy Land, will instead be prayed every day of Lent by the pilgrims to whom they were entrusted. God bless you.

KEEPING A HOLY LENT ~ FULL ST. MARY'S LENTEN SCHEDULE AT: <https://bit.ly/37Mvq41>

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.

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.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS: The remaining evenings scheduled for the Lenten Soup Suppers are: **March 13, March 20, March 27 and April 3.** Dinners begin at 6:00 PM and end between 7:30 - 8:00 PM. 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. People make cauldrons of soup, trays of mac n'cheese/pasta, breads and desserts. **Please consider coming to one or all of the evenings.** You can sign up to bring food for the meal at: <https://bit.ly/2OwJRSE>.

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. March 10, 17, 24, 31 & April 7.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITY: All adults who serve in a ministerial capacity at Mass...lectors, eucharistic ministers, collectors, musicians, money counters...are invited to come to Fr. Haley Hall on Sunday, March 22 at 7:00 PM for a faith formation opportunity. Please call (429-7476) or email Leo Racine (leoracine@msn.com) if you have any questions.



ST. MARY'S EPIC – HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP: All High School students are invited to our General Meeting today, Sunday, March 8 in Fr. Haley Hall from 7:15 – 8:45 PM. Please bring your \$5 Dues. The meeting will feature the first ever EPIC Trivia Night, as well as friends, fun, a milk and cereal bar, music, prayer, small group faith discussions and more! This meeting is also the deadline for paperwork for the EPIC Mission Trip to Gulfport, Mississippi from July 26 – Aug 1. Please speak to Jake Thiringer (stmarysym1870@gmail.com) for more information. Last week 39 EPIC teens assembled 85 “Blessings Bags” full of snacks, toiletries, and other items which were donated to people in Boston through the homeless ministry at St. Joseph's in Medway! Thank you to all who donated items or helped assemble the bags. Our upcoming events include a Prayer and Planning Meeting at 7:15 PM on March 22 and our EPIC Teen Mass at 6:00 PM on Sunday, March 29, followed by a general meeting.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP: The MSYG meeting is NEXT Sunday, March 15, from 6:30 – 8 PM in Fr. Haley Hall. There will be Lenten sandwich making for the homeless and signups and 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 Monday, March 16, 8th Grade BINGO service trip to St. Patrick Manor, the Friday, March 20 Late Night Cosmic Bowling Trip and the St. Paul's Boys Choir on Friday, March 27. All 6th, 7th & 8th Graders are welcome!

WINGS (Women in God's Spirit): Will resume on Wednesday, March 18 for the Spring Season, Recognizing God's Grace in Our Lives. For more information call Jennifer Schiller 617-852-9632 or to sign-up: betty.febo@gmail.com.

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. Contact Paula at Paula.Watt@ymail.com.

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.

CLOW- CHILDREN K-6: CHILDREN'S LITURGY

OF THE WORD: Today, Sunday, March 8, the children will be dismissed from the main assembly and led to the lower church hall to hear what Jesus has to tell them in the Gospel. **Please note:** Younger children are welcome **but must be accompanied by their parents** and be able to sit and engage in the lesson. Older children are welcome to assist the adult leaders.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

DAY	GRADE	GRADE
Sun., Mar. 08	GR-1 at 8:10 AM	GR-3 at 2:00 PM
	GR-4 at 7:55 AM	GR-4 at 10:45 AM
	GR-5 at 10:45 AM	GR-6 at 4:00 PM
	GR-7 at 5:00 PM	
Mon., Mar. 09	GR-3 at 3:00 PM	GR-6 at 5:00 PM
	GR-8 at 6:00 PM	
Tues., Mar. 10	GR-6 at 4:30 PM	GR-9 at 6:30 PM
Wed., Mar. 11	GR-7 at 6:00 PM	GR-8 at 6:00 PM
Thur., Mar. 12	GR-9 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.

GRADE 3 ROSARY MAKING SESSION: Today, 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. Parents are to pick up their children in Fr. Haley Hall at 4:00 PM

GRADE 2 PARENT MEETINGS: Sunday, March 15 at 8:15 AM and 10:45 AM while children are in their classes, and on Monday, March 16 at 7:00 PM. All meetings will be held in Fr. Haley Hall. This is an important meeting for role assignments for the children as a Scripture Reader, Gift Bearer, and Prayers of the Faithful including families choosing the Certificate Mass for their children. Information booklets detailing First Communion, rehearsals, and the Family Retreat will be given out and discussed.



**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. Climb aboard for mountains of fun on this faith-filled adventure. Kids discover that trusting Jesus pulls them through life’s ups and downs.

CONFIRMATION I: Grade 9 is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, March 10 and Thursday, March 12 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 if you are interested and able to help. Training will be provided. Contact: 508-429-6076 or 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: Beginning on Tuesday, March 10, the ten part Lectio series on the Eucharist “Discovering the Mass in the Bible” with Dr. Brant Pitre will be presented. Lectio means “reading” – the Tradition of reading Sacred Scripture for prayer, reflection and discovering the meaning of the story of salvation. All are welcome.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST: PART II: Continuing with the Catechism of the Catholic Church we learn that the Eucharist is “the Source and Summit of the Christian life.” “The other sacraments, and indeed all ecclesiastical ministries and works of the apostolate, are bound up with the Eucharist and are orientated toward it. For in the blessed Eucharist is consumed the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ Himself, our Pasch.” (CCC 1324). The Eucharist is the efficacious sign and sublime cause of that communion in the divine life and that unity of the People of God by which the Church is kept in being. It is the culmination of both God’s action sanctifying the world in Christ and of the worship men offer to Christ and through Him to the Father in the Holy Spirit.” (CCC 1325).

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 FY 2020 CORI.

COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS: Meets on Tuesday, March 17 at 7:45 PM in the Library.