



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!

Reconciliation: 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.



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April 12, 2020
Easter Sunday

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

Easter Greetings in the Lord! We find ourselves this Easter largely imprisoned by the coronavirus, forced to stay home instead of going to work, prevented from gathering together as parish and with our families. In this unprecedented period when we have lost so many of our freedoms, it is worth considering the other ways that we human beings can often find ourselves bound. There are prisons of poverty, prisons of ignorance, prisons of anger, prisons of neglect, prisons of addiction, prisons of hate, just to name a few. But they all can lock us in and lock us down, just as effectively as walls and bars. Which is why we need Easter, and the liberation that it brings.

In the Easter story, Jesus breaks out of the prison of His tomb. His Resurrection then enables the women who came there to break free of their mourning and their fear. They run straight to the Apostles, and begin witnessing to what they have seen, testifying that Jesus is alive! Peter, locked deep in a prison of shame for having denied Jesus three times, is the first to believe the women. He is the next one to be set free, as he runs to see the empty tomb and begins a new life in the Lord.

And now today, Easter Day, it is our turn to be set free. What is your "other" prison? Is it the prison perhaps of envy? Or of resentment? Or of grief? Is it the prison of loneliness that restrains your joy? Or the dungeon of doubt, that makes your future very hard to face? Whatever prisons we find ourselves in, Easter means that *it is not a life sentence*. The same God who did not forget Jesus, will not forget us. He broke Jesus free from death itself, so do not doubt that He can free you from whatever binds you, if you but place your trust in Him.

It is a wonderful and liberating adventure to experience the living presence of Jesus and to follow Him in our daily lives. So if you find yourself this Easter feeling disconnected, even "locked away" from the Lord, then there is no more appropriate time to welcome Him anew into your life. If your Bible or rosary are dusty from disuse, pick them up and let them be your lifeline – a rope thrown over the prison wall. Look over the many online faith resources – even online courses – now available to help you grow in your love and knowledge of God. Let daily prayer bring the breath of God's Spirit upon you, like a fresh breeze entering a stale and closed off place.

When trying to escape from prison, it always helps to have others assisting you, which for us as Catholics is the Church. We are above all a community of seekers, looking forward to the promises of God, and trying to help each other along the way. So do not try to go it alone. Reach out and let your parish know of any needs you may be experiencing. And in these trying times, keep watch for opportunities to assist your neighbor. For in serving them, you will encounter Jesus, Who promised, "*Whatever you do for the least of my people, so you do unto me.*"

God bless you.

And Happy Easter Everyone.

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

Rev. Mark J. Coiro
Pastor

P.S. Many thanks to Deacon Barry for spearheading the parish-wide phone call check in effort now underway; Will and George Martell for our Live-stream Services; Kevin Lyczak for keeping St. Mary's beautiful music alive for God's glory; Najat Whalen for keeping the church appropriately vested; and all our wonderful Staff for adapting and working to make sure St. Mary's remains a blessing to all who call her home. Well done!



DECORATING IN A PANDEMIC:

Although there were no “public” Masses this Holy Week, the church still needed to be decorated each day for the live-streamed Masses of Triduum and Easter.

Shown left, our Sacristan Najat Whalen and other volunteers brought the Easter wreath and garland decorations out of storage and over to the church.

All wore gloves and masks while decorating St. Mary’s Church for the most sacred days of the year.
Thank you!

SINGING IN A PANDEMIC:

Being conducted without a congregation, this year’s Holy Week celebrations were stripped of many of their beautiful rituals. For instance, there was no Bonfire at the Easter Vigil, no Washing of Feet at the Mass of the Lord’s Supper, and no Procession of the Cross on Good Friday.

We did, however, still have magnificent music for all St. Mary’s live-streamed Holy Week Services. This was thanks to the efforts of our Organist and Music Director Kevin Lyczak. Although the choir ministry is suspended during the pandemic, Kevin arranged for our four choir section leaders to form a quartet that offered lovely music to the glory of God. As you can see from this Holy Week rehearsal photo, the social distancing rule of six feet (and then some), was carefully observed. Thank you all!



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

FROM THE BUSINESS MANGER:

Dear St. Mary's Parishioners,

As you know, in order to make payroll and keep up with her bills, St. Mary's weekly offertory need is \$15,000. For the most part, we have reached this weekly need since last spring. Due to the Pandemic Mass shutdown, however, St. Mary's has now lost her Mass collection income entirely. This has understandably led to some significant Offertory Shortfalls:



April 4/5 Shortfall: \$1,737.19
 March 28/29 Shortfall: \$3,375.53
 March 21/22 Shortfall: \$9,194.54
 March 14/15 4/5 Shortfall: \$6,323.27

We are very grateful to all those who have continued to give, especially in this time when many have been laid off from work. In order to assure that St. Mary's can continue to pay her staff and bills, we ask that those parishioners not already using Automatic Giving or WeShare, please sign up for one of those services.

Full details on how to do so are provided on the St. Mary's Website under the HOW TO GIVE tab: <https://stmarysholliston.com/how-to-give/>.

We recommend setting up the WeShare option, which can be done right now on your computer by clicking here:

<https://stmarysholliston.weshareonline.org/>.

If you are unable to do Automatic Giving or WeShare, then please drop off or mail in your parish offertory support each week until you can place it in the basket at Mass again.

None of us knows how long the current COVID-19 Crisis, and subsequent shutting down of Masses, will continue. But we all want to make sure that St. Mary's remains strong and healthy throughout, able to pay her hardworking staff, maintain her buildings, and continue serving her people in love.

Thank you and God bless you!

Mary Sanning, Business Manager

P.S. Blue In Pew Catholic Appeal Envelopes may be dropped off at St. Mary's anytime and will be credited toward our St. Mary's "In Pew Count" when the new Catholic Appeal Launch Weekend is announced. Online pledges may be made at www.BostonCatholicAppeal.org. Please be sure to identify St. Mary's, Holliston as your parish. Thank you for supporting this important effort!



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:	\$ 0.00
Automatic Giving:	\$ 2,559.00
WeShare:	\$ 3,238.81
Offertory Envelopes dropped off/mailed to the office:	\$ 7,465.00
Total Offertory:	\$ 13,262.81

Offertory Shortfall Last Weekend: \$1,737.19

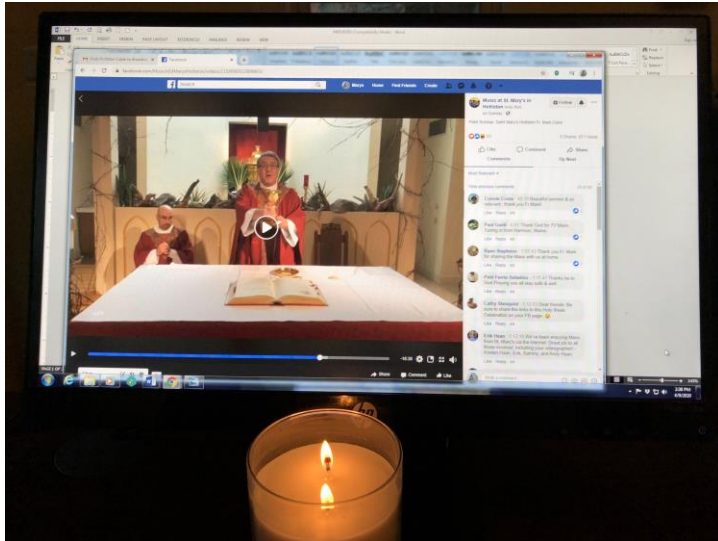
**Thank you for making up
any missed weekly parish support.**

Easter Sunday Collection:

If parishioners mail in or drop off the special Easter Envelope that designates the Clergy Benefit Trust as recipient, (retired priests), then these donations are designated funds and will go to the Clergy Benefit Trust of the Archdiocese.

However, because of the current extraordinary situation, the Archdiocese says that any Easter Offertory received *other* than in the special Clergy Benefit Trust Envelopes, may be used for the running of the parish. Thank you for your kind support of your parish and / or our retired priests.

WORSHIPING VIRTUALLY WITH ST. MARY'S



PREPARING A PLACE TO PRAY:

Pick a place where you will be as free from as many distractions as you can. A TV or Radio in the background will never let you listen to the service, or God. So do your best to rearrange a spot.

Set your laptop, iPad or phone into a good position on a table. Clear everything else off.

If you have a candle, put that near you. An Icon, Cross, or Statue of Mary is great, too.

When ready, have your family pray together the following prayer of preparation:

Throughout time, Almighty God has moved people to set apart places to pray, to worship, and to meet with God. Almighty God, we thank you for making us in Your image, for making Your presence known, and for calling us to know You. We set apart this time and this place for Your worship. Sanctify it all, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. May all we do here be to Your glory. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

At this time, light your candle.

COMMUNION TIME: If watching Mass, make an Act of Spiritual Communion at Communion time.

My Jesus,
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.



SUNDAY MASS: Every Sunday, the 11:30 AM Mass is being live-streamed from our beautiful St. Mary's Church. Just visit: <https://www.facebook.com/MusicAtStMarysHolliston> and scroll down. You do not need a Facebook account to access this page. If you arrive "early," you may need to hit the refresh button. Welcome!

MORNING PRAYER: Live-cast from St. Mary's Church every weekday morning with Deacon Barry at 7:30 AM: <https://www.facebook.com/MusicAtStMarysHolliston/>

"Faith in the resurrection of Jesus says that there is a future for every human being; the cry for unending life which is a part of the person is indeed answered. God exists: that is the real message of Easter. Anyone who even begins to grasp what this means also knows what it means to be redeemed." - Pope Benedict XVI

"Mary, who is the Virgin Most Pure, is also the Refuge of Sinners. She knows what sin is, not by the experience of its fall, not by tasting its bitter regrets, but by seeing what it did to her Divine Son." - Venerable Fulton Sheen

**2020 EASTER CANDLE:**

This year's Easter Candle has been given in loving memory of James and Dorothy Lahey (photo left). The Easter Candle is used at Masses during the Easter Season and at every Baptism and Funeral throughout the year. It represents the light of Christ's Resurrection conquering the darkness of sin and death.

THE ROSE FOR LIFE: Is sponsored this week by the Daily Mass Community. Please join them in prayer for an unborn child. May God bless you!

HOLLISTON PANTRY SHELF IS OPEN!

The Pantry Shelf, 73 Charles St., is busier now than ever. They have a large box outside where people can leave food donations, and they carefully disinfect each item as they remove it from the box. Current needs include: tuna fish (5 oz. cans), Campbell Chunky soup, Progresso soups, canned peas, canned fruit, macaroni and cheese tomato soup and chicken noodle soup (10.75 ounce cans), juice boxes and kid's snacks.

CHRIST OUR LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS: Join Cardinal Seán O'Malley on this six-part retreat, using this pandemic time to grow in your relationship with Christ: <https://www.bostoncatholic.org/virtualretreat>.

Scroll to the bottom of the webpage to watch the 6 videos in order.

- 1) Prayer
- 2) Mercy and Forgiveness
- 3) Faith: The Key to Meaning and Call to Friendship
- 4) Who is My Neighbor? The Good Samaritan
- 5) The Seven Last Words
- 6) The Eucharist

LIGHT IN THE WINDOW: With the churches now closed, St. Mary's has placed the Blessed Sacrament in the 3rd floor rectory window facing the Town Hall.



Now people can park on Washington Street, look up, and pray before the Holy Eucharist in safety. May the Body of Christ now visible, remind us of the abiding presence of God in this hard time, and the greatness of His love for us. Please help spread the word

NOT CANCELED: *“Going outdoors is not canceled, listening to music is not canceled, quality time with our families is not canceled, reading a book is not canceled, sharing with friends is not canceled, singing out loud is not canceled, laughing has not been canceled, talking to God in prayer has not been canceled, sharing hope with others has not been canceled. Let's embrace what we have.”* - Anonymous



ALSO NOT CANCELED: The generosity and good stewardship of the parishioners of St. Mary's, Holliston. We are truly grateful to every family of our parish that has maintained their weekly offertory during the coronavirus pandemic. Shown above, almost every day the Rectory Office mail-slot basket receives offertory envelopes dropped off by parishioners. Although the doors to church are closed, the hearts of our people are open. When one considers the number of people now out of work due to the pandemic, it is truly impressive how many have kept up – or even increased – their parish support. So far this has allowed the parish to keep paying her fulltime staff, now mostly working from home. Church employees are not eligible for unemployment, nor are they highly paid to start with. Your faithful stewardship during this extraordinary time is not only keeping your parish financially stable – it is keeping afloat the families of St. Mary's employees. God bless you!

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP: Due to the COVID - 19 Pandemic, all Middle School Youth Group Activities scheduled for March and April are cancelled. Activities will resume as soon as safety allows. Members will be kept informed by email. All Summer Events are still a GO at this time:

Kennebec Rafting, Thursday, June 25 - Friday, June 26
Brownstone Quarry Park, CT, Tuesday, July 28
Deerfield Rafting, Friday, August 14



ST. MARY'S EPIC – HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP:
Pandemic permitting, an EPIC General Meetings will be held on May 31 from 7:15 – 8:45 PM in FHH - \$5 Dues.

BLESSED MOTHER SCHOLARSHIP: Scholarship Applications are now available at the Parish Website under REGISTER / PARISH FORMS: <https://stmarysholliston.com/>. 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 TODAY, 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.

ALL FUNERAL MASSES: Effective Monday, March 23, there are no Funeral Masses celebrated in the Archdiocese of Boston. Graveside Services with immediate family only may take place, with Memorial Masses to follow after the Pandemic subsides. This is to comply with the Governor's ban on gatherings of over 25 people.

WINGS (Women in God's Spirit): Canceled. However, WINGS has a facebook page and would love to have folks (not just members) access it and respond to posts. They have a new post almost daily.
<https://www.facebook.com/WingsHolliston/>.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITY: This meeting has been tentatively rescheduled to Sunday, September 27.



KEEPING THE MISSION ALIVE/BOOK DISCUSSION: During St. Mary's recent 150th Anniversary 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. Please reach out to Lisa Dufault at lisadufault@yahoo.com or Diane Collins at diathome17@aol.com to sign up, and we will let you know when the date will be (post-pandemic).

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.

Resources and Prayers for Home Use During the Pandemic:

1. Resources from Catholic Education Ministries for faith formation with children

<http://familytogether.stcdio.org>

2. Watch daily Mass online. Schedules and access to the televised Mass and rebroadcasts are available at www.WatchtheMass.com or www.catholictv.org and by consulting local cable providers or network.

3. Livestream of Pope Francis' Masses

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxIsefyI9g9A5SGWA4FvGIA/videos>

4. Give Us This Day, a monthly publication centered on the Word of God, is making available at no charge a digital file of its periodical, which includes daily Mass texts: www.GUTD.net/Digital.

5. Steps for Spiritual Communion: <http://stcdio.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/spiritual-communion.pdf>

6. Downloadable prayer card seeking intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe

(English) <http://www.usccb.org/about/communications/upload/prayer-coronavirus-2020-card.pdf>

7. Text of pope's prayer to Mary during coronavirus pandemic

<https://www.americamagazine.org/faith/2020/03/11/read-pope-francis-prayer-mary-coronavirus-pandemic>

8. Free online courses –

University of Notre Dame

McGrath Institute for Church Life –

The Pillars of the Church

Saturdays with the Saints

Journey with the Saint John's Bible

<https://mcgrath.nd.edu/resources>



CLOW- CHILDREN K-6: CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: CLOW has been suspended until our Sunday Masses resume.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED AND THE PARISH CENTER IS CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE DUE TO THE COVID-19 VIRUS DIRECTIVES FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BOSTON.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATIONS 2020-2021: As Christ has called us to continue His Mission here on earth, St. Mary's is honored to provide religious education and faith formation to assist families with children and youth to form a relationship with God through Jesus Christ. Your home is the **domestic church** where God is present in your daily life. If children are to be true disciples for Christ they need to witness your love for God and living in His will. We accomplish this path by continuing to teach our children about Jesus Christ and the beauty of the Gospels. Our Religious Education office has mail Registrations for 2020-2021. When you receive the forms, we hope that you will answer the call to volunteer and join Christ's mission as a Teacher or Monitor. May God bless and protect you.

FAITH FORMATION MATERIALS FOR GRADES K THROUGH 7: Our religious Education office will continue to provide families with spiritual educational materials during this time through Email and information from online resources that will be helpful for your family to share together. There are wonderful free children's and adult movies that will inspire your heart along with study resources offered for a trial period from the Augustine Institute on the "FORMED" website. At the end of the trial period, you may want to consider a yearly subscription for your family with wonderful Catholic programs for just \$100.00 a year.

GRADE 2 FIRST COMMUNION MASSES: The Archdiocese of Boston has **postponed First Communion Masses** until public Masses have resumed. Once the danger of the COVID-19 has been lifted, we will reschedule First Communion Masses when Cardinal Sean O'Malley receives the good news that groups can once again gather together in public places. Until then, our Sacred Liturgy, the Mass, will be streamed to the parishioners.

FY2020 CORI VOLUNTEER RENEWAL ALERT: Ministry Leaders must make sure that **all** their active volunteers (18 years and older) renew and complete a FY 2020 CORI. **PGC workshops** ~ watch the bulletin.



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 AND II: Classes are suspended. Jake will be sending out materials for the students to continue studies at home.

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. All Mass Reflection Sheets are due to the Pastor by the end of May. No student will be recommended for Confirmation who has not turned these in / does not attend or watch Mass.

THE EUCHARIST IN THE ECONOMY OF SALVATION - PART IV- The signs of bread and wine. From last week's signs of the bread, the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) teaches that the first announcement of the Eucharist divided the disciples, just as the announcement of the Passion scandalized them: “This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?” The Eucharist and the Cross are stumbling blocks. It is the same mystery and it never ceases to be an occasion of division. “Will you also go away?” The Lord's question echoes through the ages as a loving invitation to discover that only He has “the words of eternal life” and that to receive in faith the gift of the Eucharist is to receive the Lord Himself (CCC 1336).

PART I: The Institution of the Eucharist. The Lord having loved those who were called His own, loved them to the end. Knowing that the hour had come to leave this world and return to the Father, in the course of a meal He washed their feet and gave them the commandment of love. In order to leave them a pledge of this love, in order to never depart from His own and to make them sharers in His Passover, He instituted the Eucharist as a memorial of His death and Resurrection and commanded His apostles to celebrate it until His return; “thereby He constituted them priests of the New Testament.” (CCC1337). The three synoptic Gospels and St. Paul have handed on to us the account of the institution of the Eucharist; St. John, for his part, reports the words of Jesus in the synagogue of Capernaum that prepare for the institution of the Eucharist: Christ calls Himself the Bread of Life, come down from heaven. (CCC 1338).

A TIME FOR HOPE! What would living souls do without the virtue of hope in a world where so many souls have turned their hearts away from God to accept man's ways of living? It is alluring to many souls to be attracted to earth's material goods and pleasures that can become addictive and disordered. When souls do not cooperate with God's grace there can be chaos and uncertainty. Jesus has told us that we can do nothing without Him. His hand is in all things, in every present moment of our lives. This does not mean that we do not have freedom, just the opposite. God gifted souls with free will and marked our hearts with the knowledge of His presence. Through the Cross, Christ restored God's sanctifying grace needed to live a life of holiness in accordance with His will. Jesus is also our Teacher and Healer and He promised to be with us until the end of time. He has left His Presence in the Eucharist so that He can share His divine life with us. For Christ is the Sacrament of the Church. The Church came to be the moment the lance pierced His side on the Cross and His Blood and water poured out upon the earth. It is in moments of temptation, despair, trials and crosses that our souls cry out to God for the grace of perseverance. It is in moments of crisis, turmoil, and confusion that our prayers become more fervent because we know that God will listen and restore our hearts with peace. With confidence in God's love and mercy, we are to believe with faith that God can make all things new again. Jesus Christ is our hope, life, way and Truth that sets the soul free. He has opened the door for souls to live in the supernatural and release the chains that bound us to earth. This Easter praise God for His gifts of grace and hope.

PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

O Jesus, eternal Priest keep your priests in the shelter of your Sacred Heart, where none may touch them. Keep unstained their anointed hands which daily touch your Sacred Body.

Keep unsullied their lips, daily purpled with your Precious Blood. Keep pure and unworldly their hearts, sealed with the sublime mark of the priesthood. Let your Holy Love surround them and shield them from the world's contagion. Bless their labors with abundant fruit and may the souls to whom they minister be their joy and consolation here and their everlasting crown hereafter.

St. Therese of Lisieux

Mary, Queen of the Clergy pray for us.

EASTER BLESSINGS TO ALL OUR GRADE COORDINATORS, TEACHERS AND MONITORS: May God bless you with His gifts of peace, love, mercy and hope. We thank you for your prayers and service to St. Mary's Parish.

A TIME TO REJOICE! It is unfathomable to the human senses how much God loves us to take upon Himself our sin. God's love is mercy itself full of compassion for all souls. How the believing heart rejoices in the Resurrection of Christ and a promise from Christ that we too will be raised to see the face of God. We need to remember that God is also just, and that living our faith in union with His will matters for the sake of our salvation.

