



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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**All Parish Schedules are currently
suspended in light of
the Covid 19 Pandemic.**

**We pray and look forward to the day that
we can gather again as God's People.**

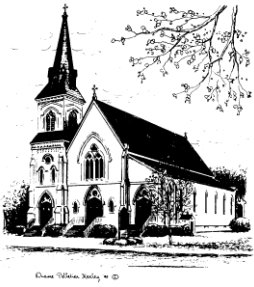
**May God watch over you and keep you and
those you love healthy and spiritually safe!**

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.



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April 26, 2020
3rd Sunday of Easter

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

Our Gospel verse today starts with two disciples who meet Jesus on the road to Emmaus and then hurry back to share with the other disciples what had happened. As they are sharing about their encounter with Jesus, the Risen Lord appears in their midst. It is almost as if their sharing opens a "spiritual space" in which the Lord is then made manifest.

In this pandemic Easter Season, when many have so much more time with their families than usual, let us take time to share with them our own stories of faith. Let us talk with our loved ones about those times when the Lord touched our lives with His power, His presence, His love. Maybe it was in a difficult moment, as when Jesus came to walk with the two grieving, sorrowful disciples on the Emmaus road. Maybe it was in a joyful moment, when a new opportunity opened up for us, or a prayer was answered more awesomely than we had ever thought possible.

Let us in particular speak of our personal faith with our children and teens, who are still trying to recognize the Lord and find the life's path to which He is calling them. *"While they were still speaking, Jesus appeared and stood in their midst,"* said our Gospel verse. And when we speak of the Lord, we not only bring Him to others, we receive Him anew ourselves. By sharing, we reflect on and come to better appreciate Who Jesus has been for us, and how He has blessed our journey home to God.

All of our life journeys inevitably include times of loss and sorrow. During this pandemic some have experienced the greatest loss, that of a loved one. Students have lost the experience of school - high school and college seniors will miss out on the ceremonies of graduation. All have lost the freedom to live and work as they desire. Walking with those disciples on the road to Emmaus, Jesus teaches us something very important about how to support those who have experienced loss. He does not identify Himself. He does not start reassuring the disciples that He is alive and that all will be well. Instead, Jesus just accompanies them and *listens* as they pour out their pain at the events of Good Friday.

Just so, if you are trying to help someone in this time of so many losses – speak less and listen more. Allow those who are in pain to tell you their difficulties. Then once they have poured out the sorrows of their heart, you will be better able to comfort them. And they will be better prepared to receive your words of consolation. Finally, if you yourself are hurting, then do what those disciples did on the road. Tell your troubles to Jesus. Yes He already knows them, just as He already knew so intimately what was bothering those disciples. But it is in the sharing that you invite Jesus to walk with you and uphold you in your need.

God bless you.

Rev. Mark J. Coiro
Pastor



Mary Messina

**Kindly keep in your prayers
Mary Messina and
Doris O'Neil,
both buried from
St. Mary's this past
Thursday.**

**May they walk now
with the Lord in Paradise!**



Doris O'Neil

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 MANAGER:

Dear St. Mary's Parishioners,

As you know, due to the Pandemic Church Closings, St. Mary's has lost her Mass Collection income. This has understandably led to some significant Offertory Shortfalls:



April 11/12 Shortfall:	\$ 941.65
April 4/5 Shortfall:	\$1,737.19
March 28/29 Shortfall:	\$3,375.53
March 21/22 Shortfall:	\$9,194.54
March 14/15 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. May God bless you for your faithful stewardship!

In order to assure that St. Mary's can continue to pay her staff and bills, we do ask those parishioners not already using Automatic Giving or WeShare, to please sign up for one of those services as your means allow.

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:	\$ 2,106.50
WeShare:	\$ 5,347.60
Offertory Envelopes dropped off or mailed to the office:	\$ 7,558.00
Total Offertory:	\$ 15,012.10

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

SIGNS OF SPRING: The phlox are starting to bloom on St. Mary's Church Street embankment.





MASKS NEEDED!

Dear People of St. Mary's: My name is Ashley Bryant and I am reaching out to you as a Case Coordinator at Amego Inc., we are a local non-profit who serves people with autism. We have a group home right in Holliston and are reaching out to see if you or anyone in the community has access to cloth masks for donation. We are currently serving 203 people in 44 group homes throughout Massachusetts and any donations will be greatly appreciated. Thank you!
Ashley Bryant, Case Coordinator, Amego, Inc. 122 Grove St., Franklin, MA 02038, (401) 588-9978, abryant@amegoinc.org.

ROSE FOR LIFE: Is sponsored this week by the Harris Family. 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. You may leave your message at extension 5.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP: Due to the COVID - 19 Pandemic, all Middle School Youth Group Activities scheduled for May and June are cancelled. Activities will resume as soon as safety allows. Members will be kept informed by email.

Kennebec Rafting, Thursday, June 25 - Friday, June 26 - CANCELLED.
Deerfield Rafting, Friday, August 14 - STILL ON AT THIS TIME.

ST. MARY'S EPIC – HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP:
The EPIC General Meetings scheduled for May 31 is CANCELLED.



FUNERALS, WEDDINGS, BAPTISMS: There are currently 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 10 people. Weddings and Baptisms may still be celebrated provided 10 people or less are present, masks and gloves are worn, and social distancing is practiced.

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/>.

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.



PARISH ANNIVERSARY HISTORY BOOK UPDATE: Is time starting to hang heavy for you? Is your puzzle collection exhausted? Would you like an exciting and engaging project? I am using this time to work on the St. Mary's Video and History Book projects. I would love some parishioner stories about your experiences and remembrances of being a member of St. Mary's Parish. Perhaps you have been a parishioner for decades and you have a wealth of knowledge of St. Mary's through time. Or maybe you are somewhat new to the Parish – what drew you here? I would love to hear your anecdotes in your own words for inclusion in the history book. You can email them to me, Betty Febo, at betty.febo@gmail.com or send them to me by mail to 41 Holly Lane, Holliston. Stay healthy, and thank you for participating.

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 and be sure to shut off your cellphone entirely.

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.

Print out and have handy the Mass Readings: www.magnificat.com/free.



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. You may watch this Mass live on Holliston Cable Access:

Verizon Fios **Ch. 33** or Comcast Xfinity **Ch. 96**.

Or you can 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/>.



RESOURCES AND PRAYERS FOR HOME USE DURING THE PANDEMIC

1. **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 networks.

2. **Live-stream of Pope Francis' Masses:**

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

3. **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.

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

5. **Downloadable prayer card seeking intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe:**

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

6. **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>

7. **Free online Adult Courses:** University of Notre Dame. <https://mcgrath.nd.edu/resources>

McGrath Institute for Church Life:

The Pillars of the Church

Saturdays with the Saints

Journey with the Saint John's Bible

8. **CHRIST OUR LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS:** Join Cardinal Seán O'Malley on this six-part retreat, a beautiful way 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

9. **Resources from Catholic Education Ministries for faith formation with children:** <http://familytogether.stcdio.org>



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

2020-2020 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATIONS ARE DUE BY JUNE 15:

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 mailed home Registrations for 2020-2021. They are also available at: <https://stmarysholliston.com/> under the top right corner REGISTER tab / under PARISH FORMS. We hope you will also consider joining Christ's mission as a Teacher or Monitor. May God bless 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 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 can safely resume and the danger of the COVID-19 has been lifted. First Communion Masses will be scheduled 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 live-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** will be scheduled once the directives have been lifted and groups can safely meet in public. Please watch the bulletin for future scheduled PGC Workshops.



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 10:30 AM and 1:30 PM. Because of likely social distancing concerns, candidates will be assigned which Confirmation they will attend. This will assure a 50/50 split between the two celebrations. For this reason, candidates should keep the times of both Confirmations free on their calendar. All candidates must turn in their completed Mass Reflection Sheets to the Pastor by the end of May in order to be recommended for the Sacrament.

THE EUCHARIST IN THE ECONOMY OF SALVATION: Part III -The Institution of the Eucharist. For a short review, **Jesus** spoke the following words, "**Do this in memory of Me.**" This command of Jesus to repeat His actions and words "until He comes" is directed to the liturgical celebration by the apostles and their successors, of the memorial of Christ, of His life, of His death, of His Resurrection, and of His intercession in the presence of the Father (CCC 1341). From the beginning the Church has been faithful to the Lord's command. Of the Church in Jerusalem it is written; *They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread in their homes, they partook of food with glad and generous hearts (CCC 1342). It was above all, "the first day of the week," Sunday, the day of Jesus' resurrection, that the Christians met "to break bread."* From that time on down to our own day the celebration of the Eucharist has been continued so that today we encounter it everywhere in the Church with the same fundamental structure. It remains the center of the Church's life (CCC 1343). Thus from celebration to celebration, as they proclaim the Paschal Mystery of Jesus, "until He comes," the Pilgrim People of God advances, "following the narrow way of the Cross," toward the heavenly banquet, when all the elect will be seated at the table of the kingdom (CCC 1344). Just to pause and contemplate the magnificent gift God has given to us

in the Eucharist to gain the merits of heaven. The Eucharist holds the treasure of grace, God's love, mercy and unity – a means to communion with the living God.



Stuck inside? Introduce your young children to the amazing story of salvation history, which is their story too!

With so much time available to us as we wait patiently for the stay at home and social distancing directives due to the COVID-19 virus to be lifted, many people may experience the loss of being socially with others, including family members. This can be a time strengthen the faith we pass on to our children.

Ascension Press is one of the leading publishers in faith formation for children and teens and is offering two amazing **Video Bible Studies** from Mark Hart, based on Jim Cavins' revolutionary **Great Adventure Bible Time Line System**, the same system that over one million Catholics have used to learn the Bible. Each Bible Study features eight thirty-minute videos that walk your children through the big picture of the Bible.

- They'll come away understanding the major people, places, and events of the story.
- The Bible Timeline structure breaks the Bible into twelve color-coded time periods that make it easier to follow its narrative thread.
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Mark Hart is the Executive Vice President of Lifeteen and has been exciting young people about the Faith for more than twenty years. To help parents offer these amazing resources to their children, these studies are now available with **Online Video Access for just \$19.95!** There are many spiritual resources and programs for teens and the family at Ascension press. Visit their website at: www.ascensionpress.com.

The Secret of the Rosary As Revealed by Saint Louis De Montfort Part I

According to Saint Louis De Montfort, the Rosary is a veritable school of Christian life. He sees the Rosary as essentially the meditation of the mysteries of the life, death and glory of Jesus and Mary, with a view of honoring and imitating their virtues. For Montfort the Rosary was the most effective tool and weapon in his apostolic work.

- **A White Rose for Priests:** The Rosary is a priceless treasure which is inspired by God. Almighty God has given this to priests because He wants priests to use it as a means to convert the most hardened sinners and the most obstinate unbelievers. God has attached to it graces in this life and glory in the next. The saints have prayed it faithfully and the Popes have endorsed it. When the Holy Spirit has revealed this secret to a priest and director of souls, how blessed is that priest! If a priest understands this secret, he will pray the Rosary every day and encourage others to say it.

- **The Red Rose to Sinners:** For us sinners, the Precious Blood of Jesus has fallen on it. Please God that it will bring true fragrance into your lives – but above all may it save you from the danger that you are in. Everyday unbelievers and unrepentant sinners cry: “Let us crown ourselves with roses” (Wisdom 2:8). But our cry should be: “Let us crown ourselves with the roses of the Most High Rosary.” Their roses are the pleasures of the flesh, worldly honors and passing riches which wilt and decay in no time, but ours, which are the Our Father and Hail Mary which we have said devoutly over and over again to which we have added good penitential acts, will never wilt or die and they will be just as exquisite thousands of years from now as they are today. Montfort reveals that by praying the complete Rosary every day (all three mysteries) you honor the three crowns of Jesus and Mary – Jesus' crown of grace at the time of His Incarnation, His crown of thorns during His passion and His crown of glory in heaven, and of course the three-fold crown which the Most blessed Trinity gave Mary in heaven. If we pray the Rosary faithfully until death, I do assure you that, in spite of the gravity of your sins “you shall receive a never fading crown of glory” (1 Peter 5:4).

Saint Louis De Montfort