

St. Mary's Parish

Our Mission:

"To know Christ and to make Him known."

Mass Schedule:

Monday through Saturday
9:00 AM

Saturday Vigils
5:00 PM
7:30 PM

Sunday
7:30 AM
9:30 AM Family Mass
(C.L.O.W. Sept. – May)
11:30 AM Sung Mass

Holy Days: Announced

Adoration Schedule:

First Fridays from
9:30-10:30 AM

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Religious Education Phone: (508) 429 - 6076
Fax: (508) 429 - 3324

**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 physically 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.

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

Good Shepherd Sunday occurs on the Fourth Sunday in the Easter Season. The name derives from the Gospel reading for the day, which is taken from the tenth chapter of John. In this reading Christ is described as the "Good Shepherd" who lays down his life for his sheep. The Psalm for today is Psalm 23, which also makes use of shepherd imagery.

COMMENTARY BY SAINT CLEMENT OF ALEXANDRIA

I am the gate of the sheepfold.

In our sickness we need a savior, in our wanderings a guide, in our blindness someone to show us the light, in our thirst the fountain of living water which quenches forever the thirst of those who drink from it. We dead people need life, we sheep need a shepherd, we children need a teacher, the whole world needs Jesus!

If we would understand the profound wisdom of the most holy shepherd and teacher, the ruler of the universe and the Word of the Father, when using an allegory he calls himself the shepherd of the sheep, we can do so for he is also the teacher of little ones.



How bountiful the giver who for our sake gives his most precious possession, his own life!

Speaking at some length through Ezekiel to the Jewish elders, he gives them a salutary example of true solicitude. I will bind up the injured, he says; I will heal the sick; I will bring back the strays and pasture them on my holy mountain. These are the promises of the Good Shepherd.

Pasture us children like sheep, Lord. Fill us with your own food, the food of righteousness. As our guide we pray you to lead us to your holy mountain, the Church on high, touching the heavens.

I will be their shepherd, he says, "and I will be close to them," like their own clothing. He desires to save my flesh by clothing it in the robe of immortality and he has anointed my body. "They shall call on me," he says, "and I will answer, 'Here I am.'" Lord, you have heard me more quickly than I ever hoped!

"And if they pass over they shall not fall says the Lord," meaning that we who are passing over into immortality shall not fall into corruption, for he will preserve us. He has said he would and to do so is his own wish. Such is our Teacher, both good and just.

He said he had not come to be served but to serve; and so the Gospel shows him tired out, he who labored for our sake and promised "to give his life as ransom for many," a thing which, as he said, only the Good Shepherd will do.

How bountiful the giver who for our sake gives his most precious possession, his own life! He is a real benefactor and friend, who desired to be our brother when he might have been our Lord, and who in his goodness even went so far as to die for us!

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 Offertory Shortfalls:



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| April 25/26 Shortfall: | \$ 573.30 |
| 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 consider signing 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.



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

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

LAST SUNDAY'S PARISH OFFERTORY:

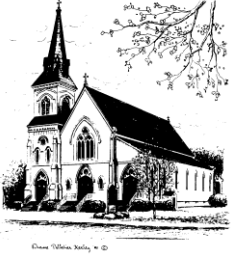
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| Mass Collections: | \$ 0.00 |
| Automatic Giving: | \$ 2,950.00 |
| WeShare: | \$ 3,951.70 |
| Offertory Envelopes dropped off or mailed to the office: | \$ 7,525.00 |
| Total Offertory: | \$ 14,426.70 |

Offertory Shortfall Last Weekend: \$573.30

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

WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS: *"To give worthy praise to the Lord's mercy, we unite ourselves with Your Immaculate Mother, for then our hymn will be more pleasing to You, because She is chosen from among men and angels. Through Her, as through a pure crystal, Your mercy was passed on to us. Through Her, man became pleasing to God; Through Her, streams of grace flowed down upon us."* - St. Faustina

"Never be afraid of loving the Blessed Virgin too much. You can never love her more than Jesus did."
 - Saint Maximilian Kolbe



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May 3, 2020
4th Sunday of Easter

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

We enter now Our Lady's Month of May, a time when flowers start to bloom and new life springs forth all around us. This time of year reminds us of the new life that Mary welcomed into her womb at the Annunciation, and the new life that Jesus her Son won for the whole world.

Mary was chosen by God to be the Mother of Jesus, but at the Cross Jesus gave her to all of us, saying to the beloved disciple, "*Son, there is your mother,*" and to Mary, "*Mother, there is your son.*" One of Jesus' final acts was to share His own mother with us, so that in her we might always have a strong advocate and avenue to His divine love.

This May I invite you to reclaim Mary as your own spiritual mother. Lay your troubles before her in prayer, even as once the hosts of the wedding at Cana made Mary aware that the wine was running out. Be confident that just as Mary took that situation to Jesus, so she will carry your challenges, hurts, hopes and deepest needs to the One Who at Cana turned water into wine.

Especially if your faith has been running dry – if you have stopped praying, if you have stopped feeling the nearness and constancy and love of God in your life – let Mary help you. Ask her to help bring you back to her Son, that He might transform the water of your doubts into the rich wine of faith.

A hallmark of Catholic prayer is the rosary, and there is no better way to embrace your Blessed Mother and ask her aid than by praying the holy rosary, especially if you have fallen out of the habit. It was at Fatima that the Blessed Mother asked Catholics to pray the rosary each and every day for the intention of peace in the world, a prayer we are certainly in need of today. Additionally, the rosary has great power to bring unity and peace to those families who pray it together, and I hope that every family of our parish will pray the rosary at least once together during Mary's month. You are, after all, all cooped up at home together! A "How To Pray the Rosary" page is included with this bulletin.

This past Friday, May 1, at 3 PM, in response to the global pandemic, all the Bishops of the United States united in a prayer of consecration of the entire country to the care of the Blessed Mother. The Canadian Bishops did the same. The prayer of consecration incorporates language used in consecrations of Popes Pius XII, John Paul II, and Francis, and also from prayers from Masses of the Blessed Virgin Mary. I provide the text of the Prayer on the next bulletin page and invite you to offer it that Our Lady might take us under the protection of her mantle and intercede powerfully for us in our time of need.

You may pray it along with Cardinal Sean O'Malley in a beautiful video of the Marian Consecration by clicking on this site: <https://www.bostoncatholic.org/virtual-evangelization/marian-consecration>

God bless you!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark J. Coiro'. The signature is stylized with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Rev. Mark J. Coiro
Pastor

Most Holy Virgin Mary,

Mother of the Church, you are the fairest fruit of God's redeeming love; you sing of the Father's mercy and accompany us with a mother's love.

In this time of pandemic we come to you, our sign of sure hope and comfort.

Today we renew the act of consecration and entrustment carried out by those who have gone before us.



RENEWAL OF OUR CONSECRATION TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



Renewing the Consecration of the United States to the Care of Our Blessed Mother

As the world continues to face the ongoing effects of the global pandemic of the coronavirus, Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles and president of the USCCB announced that the U.S. bishops would join the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops on May 1 in renewing the consecrations of the two nations to the care of our Blessed Mother.

Through a collective dedication or entrustment of a nation to Mary, an act of consecration is meant to be a reminder to the faithful of the Blessed Mother's witness to the Gospel and to ask for her effective intercession before her Son on behalf of those in need.

In order, pray the following prayer on the corresponding knot/beat

INTRODUCTION

- 1. BLESS YOURSELF...
- 2. I BELIEVE IN GOD...
- 3. OUR FATHER...
- 4. HAIL MARY...
- 5. HAIL MARY...
- 6. HAIL MARY...
- 7. GLORY BE...
- 8. FATIMA PRAYER...

THE FIRST DECADE

- 9. ANNOUNCE DECADE...
- 10. OUR FATHER...
- 11. HAIL MARY...
- 12. HAIL MARY...
- 13. HAIL MARY...
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- 18. HAIL MARY...
- 19. HAIL MARY...
- 20. HAIL MARY...
- 21. GLORY BE...
- 22. FATIMA PRAYER...

THE SECOND DECADE

- 23. ANNOUNCE DECADE...
- 24. OUR FATHER...
- 25. HAIL MARY...
- 26. HAIL MARY...
- 27. HAIL MARY...
- 28. HAIL MARY...
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- 34. HAIL MARY...
- 35. GLORY BE...
- 36. FATIMA PRAYER...

THE THIRD DECADE

- 37. ANNOUNCE DECADE...
- 38. OUR FATHER...
- 39. HAIL MARY...
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- 49. GLORY BE...
- 50. FATIMA PRAYER...

THE FOURTH DECADE

- 51. ANNOUNCE DECADE...
- 52. OUR FATHER...
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- 75. HAIL MARY...
- 76. HAIL MARY...

- 77. GLORY BE...
- 78. FATIMA PRAYER...
- CONCLUSION**
- 79. HAIL HOLY QUEEN...
- 80. O GOD, WHOSE...
- 81. OUR FATHER, HAIL MARY, GLORY BE (FOR THE POPE)
- 82. MEMORARE
- 83. BLESS YOURSELF

HOW TO PRAY THE HOLY ROSARY

"The Rosary, precisely because it starts with Mary's own experience, is an exquisitely contemplative prayer. Without this contemplative dimension, it would lose its meaning... Without contemplation, the Rosary is a body without a soul, and its recitation runs the risk of becoming a mechanical repetition of formulas, in violation of the admonition of Christ: "In praying do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think they will be heard for their many words.""

-Pope John Paul II

The Prayers of the Most Holy Rosary:

BLESS YOURSELF: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. (As you say this, touch your forehead with your right hand when you say Father, touch your breastbone when you say Son, touch your left shoulder when you say Holy, and touch your right shoulder when you say Spirit.)

THE CREED: I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into Hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into Heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty. He shall come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

THE OUR FATHER: Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

HAIL MARY: Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

GLORY BE to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

FATIMA PRAYER: Oh my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of Hell; lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy. Amen.

THE SALVE REGINA: Hail, Holy Queen, mother of mercy; our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn, then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us. And after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. Amen.

O GOD, WHOSE only-begotten Son by His life, death and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life; grant, we beseech Thee, that by meditating upon these mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

MEMORARE: Remember oh most Blessed Virgin Mary that never was it known, that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, we fly unto thee, oh virgin of virgins, our Mother. To you do we come, before you we stand, sinful and sorrowful. Oh mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions, but in your mercy, hear and answer them. Amen.

While touching the knots, silently meditate on these "Mysteries," or events from the lives of Jesus and Mary.

On Monday and Saturday, meditate on the "Joyful Mysteries"
First Decade: The Annunciation of Gabriel to Mary (Luke 1:26-38)
Second Decade: The Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth (Luke 1:39-45)
Third Decade: The Birth of Our Lord (Luke 2:1-21)
Fourth Decade: The Presentation of Our Lord (Luke 2:22-38)
Fifth Decade: The Finding of Our Lord in the Temple (Luke 2:41-52)

On Thursday, meditate on the "Luminous Mysteries"
First Decade: The Baptism of Our Lord in the River Jordan (Matthew 3:13-16)
Second Decade: The Wedding at Cana, when Christ manifested Himself (Jn 2:1-11)
Third Decade: The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God (Mark 1:14-15)
Fourth Decade: The Transfiguration of Our Lord (Matthew 17:1-8)
Fifth Decade: The Last Supper, when Our Lord gave us the Holy Eucharist (Mt 26)

On Tuesday and Friday, meditate on the "Sorrowful Mysteries"
First Decade: The Agony of Our Lord in the Garden (Matthew 26:36-56)
Second Decade: Our Lord is Scourged at the Pillar (Matthew 27:26)
Third Decade: Our Lord is Crowned with Thorns (Matthew 27:27-31)
Fourth Decade: Our Lord Carries the Cross to Calvary (Matthew 27:32)
Fifth Decade: The Crucifixion of Our Lord (Matthew 27:33-56)

On Wednesday and Sunday, meditate on the "Glorious Mysteries"
First Decade: The Glorious Resurrection of Our Lord (John 20:1-29)
Second Decade: The Ascension of Our Lord (Luke 24:36-53)
Third Decade: The Descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost (Acts 2:1-41)
Fourth Decade: The Assumption of Mary into Heaven
Fifth Decade: The Coronation of Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth



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For more information about Rosary Army, please visit our website at www.RosaryArmy.com

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 Daily Mass Community. Please join them in prayer for an unborn child. If you wish to sponsor the Rose in 2020 please call the Rectory at 429-4427. 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. <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/>.



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

2020-2021 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 LITURGICAL CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST: Part I – The Mass of all ages.

As early as the second century we have the witness of St. Justin Martyr for the basic lines of the order of the Eucharistic celebration. They have stayed the same until our own day for all the great liturgical families. St. Justin wrote to the pagan emperor Antoninus Pius (138-161) around the year 155, explaining what Christians did:

- On the day we call the day of the sun, all who dwell in the city or country gather in the same place.
- The memoirs of the apostles and the writings of the prophets are read, as much as time permits.
- When the reader has finished, he who presides over those gathered admonishes and challenges them to intimate these beautiful things.
- Then we all rise together and offer prayers for ourselves ...and for all others, wherever they may be, so that we may be found righteous by our life and actions, and faithful to the commandments, so as to attain eternal salvation.
- When the prayers are concluded we exchange the kiss.
- Then someone brings bread and a cup of water and wine mixed together to him who presides over the brethren.
- He takes them and offers praise and glory to the Father of the universe, through the name of the Son and of the

Holy Spirit and for a considerable time he gives thanks (in Greek: *eucharistian*) that we have been judged worthy of these gifts.

- When he has concluded the prayers and thanksgivings, all present give voice to an acclamation by saying, "Amen."
- When he who presides has given thanks and the people have responded, those whom we call deacons give to those present the "eucharisted" bread, wine and water and take them to those who are absent. (CCC 1345).

What is outlined above should be so familiar for all of us when we attend Holy Mass. The apostles (the presiders at that time) were the priests that were ordained through the Apostolic Tradition handed down through the ages by Jesus Himself at the Last Supper when He ordained His disciples as priests. Jesus Gave His authority to these men and said, "Do this in remembrance of Me." The Mass is a perpetual gift of God's endless and generous grace that will lead us to the heavenly banquet promised by Christ.



St. Louis Marie Grignon de Montfort

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

A Rosebud to Little Children: Dear little friends this rosebud is for you: it is one of the beads of your Rosary, and it may seem to you to be such a tiny thing. But if you only knew how precious this bead is! This wonderful bud will open up into a gorgeous rose if you say your Hail Mary really well. I want to tell you a little story: Two little sisters were saying their Rosary very devoutly in front of their home. A beautiful Lady suddenly appeared, walked toward the younger – who was only about six or seven – took her by the hand and led her away. Her elder sister was very startled and looked for her sister everywhere. Heart-broken she went home to tell her parents that her sister had been kidnapped. For three days the poor father and mother continued to search for the child but could not find her. At the end of the third day they found her at the front

door looking extremely happy and pleased. Naturally they asked her where on earth had she been, and she told them that the Lady to whom she had been saying her Rosary had taken her to a lovely place where she had given her delicious things to eat. She said that the Lady had given her a Baby Boy to hold, that He was very beautiful, and that she had kissed Him over and over again.

The father and mother who had both been converted to the Catholic faith only a short time before, sent at once for the Jesuit Father who had instructed them for their reception into the Church and who had taught them the devotion to the Most Holy Rosary. They told him what had happened, and it was this priest himself who told me this story. It all took place in Paraguay. (Antoine Boissieu, S.J. *Le Chretien predestine par la devotion a la Sainte Vierge.*)

So, dear children, imitate these little girls and say your Rosary every day as they always did. If you do this you will earn the right to go to heaven to see Jesus and Mary. If it is not their wish that you should see them in this life, at any rate, after you die, you will see them for all eternity. Amen. So be it. Therefore let all men, the learned and the Ignorant, the just and the sinners, the great and the small praise and honor Jesus and Mary, night and day, by saying the Most Holy Rosary. "Salute Mary who has labored much among you" (*Romans 16:6*) For young children it is too much to pray all fifteen mysteries of the Rosary but do pray five mysteries each day.

The Mystical Rose Tree to Devout Souls: Good and devout souls, who walk in the light of the Holy Spirit: I do not think that you will mind my giving you this little Mystical Rose Tree which comes straight from heaven and which is to be planted in the garden of your soul. It cannot possibly harm the sweet smelling flowers of your contemplations; for it is a heavenly tree and its scent is beautiful. It will not in the least interfere with your carefully planned flower beds; for being itself pure and well-ordered, it includes all to order and purity. If it is properly watered and well attended to every day it will grow to such a marvelous height and its branches shall give such a wide span that it will maintain and perfect your other devotions. This mystical Rose Tree is Jesus and Mary in life, death and eternity: its green leaves are the Joyful Mysteries and its thorns the Sorrowful Mysteries of Jesus and Mary. The open blooms are the full-blown roses that symbolize Jesus and Mary in their triumph and glory.

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