





St. Mary's Parish



Our Mission:

*"To know Christ and
to make Him known."*

Mass Schedule:

Monday through Friday
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

8 Church St., Holliston, MA 01746

Website: www.stmarysholliston.com

Email Address: St.Marys1870@gmail.com

Rectory Phone: 429 - 4427

Religious Education Phone: 429 - 6076

Dear Visitors: Welcome! We are delighted that you chose to worship with us this day. Please introduce yourself to the priest, and if you are interested in becoming a member of the parish then please call the rectory to register. Please also be aware that for generations it has been the custom at St. Mary's to kneel together for a silent Hail Mary at the end of Mass. Please join in!

Confession: Currently suspended due to Pandemic risk level.

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. Congratulations!

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. Robin Rogers, Religious Education Secretary
Ms. Mary Sanning, Business Manager
Mrs. Najat Whalen, Sacristan
Mr. Billy Hanson, Parish Facilities
R & R Landscaping, Cemetery Care

THE ROSE FOR LIFE: Is sponsored this week by the Martinelli 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.

PARISH WEEKLY CONSTANT CONTACT

EMAIL UPDATES: Please remember to check your specific provider's alternate folders for emails. Some Gmail users have been getting these under "Promotions" instead of their Inbox. Also, please make sure we have your current email address. Thank you!

PRAYERS AND MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday	May 30
5:00	Philip Meuse
7:30	Marion Kampersal
Sunday	May 31
7:30	Eugenia Moraski
9:30	People of St. Mary's
11:30	Front Line Pandemic Workers
Monday	June 1
9:00	Michelle Tero
Tuesday	June 2
9:00	William Archambault
Wednesday	June 3
9:00	Catherine MacNeil
Thursday	June 4
9:00	Mary Miley
Friday	June 5
9:00	Fr. Issa & the People of our Sister Parish, Our Lady of Fatima, Beit Sahour
Saturday	June 6
5:00	Florence "Pinky" Moloney
7:30	Isaac de Guzman, 39 th Anv.
Sunday	June 7
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Stephen Warren, 22 nd Anv.
11:30	Dr. Emmanuel Taktak





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May 31, 2020
Feast of Pentecost

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Today is the Feast of Pentecost, often called the "Birthday of the Church." This was the day when Jesus took a group of frightened, unsure disciples and transformed them into fearless witnesses of His Gospel. This was accomplished by the Holy Spirit, which as described in today's Gospel Jesus sent upon His disciples with the sound of wind and the form of fire.

Consider the Holy Spirit window in the St. Mary transept of our own church. In it the Holy Spirit is shown as a dove, surrounded by the very tongues of flame that descended on the disciples on Pentecost. Like candles touched by fire, the disciples were set ablaze – powered now by the Spirit's sevenfold gifts to bring light to a darkened world.

The gifts of the Holy Spirit, also depicted on our window, are wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude (strength), knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. They were poured out on each of us in the Sacrament of Confirmation through the ministry of the bishop, who prayed the following words:

"All powerful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by water and the Holy Spirit you freed your sons and daughters from sin and gave them new life. Send your Holy Spirit upon them to be their helper and guide. Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgment and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence. Fill them with the spirit of wonder and awe in your presence. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen." Then the bishop, making the sign of the cross with Holy Chrism upon our forehead, said, *"Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit."*

Once Confirmed, the Gifts of the Holy Spirit are ever present and accessible to us by prayer. They are God's own gifts, meant to empower us for Christian living and for the work of sharing with others the Gospel of Christ's love. I invite you on this Feast of Pentecost to reflect on the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, and to consider which one you feel the greatest need for at this moment of your journey home to God. Then by prayer ask God to breathe upon the embers of that gift already glowing within your soul, that it might burst into new flame and power in your life.

Pentecost is special to me because it was on this very Feast twenty-six years ago that I celebrated my First Mass as a newly ordained priest at St. Clément's Parish in Somerville. Every year on my Anniversary my parents send me a rose for each year of Priesthood, so I thank them for the beautiful flower arrangement you see in front of the altar today.

This Pentecost is special to all of us as a kind of "rebirth." For the first time in nearly three months we are able to gather in community in God's House. So many souls have been starved of the Holy Eucharist, and we rejoice to feed them now. We look forward to the day when all can again safely answer the call to Holy Mass and take their place at the Table of the Lord. We thank you in advance for your patience as we try to abide by the new health regulations and so assure the safety of our parishioners. This too shall pass.

God bless you!

Rev. Mark J. Coiro
Pastor

Cardinal Seán P. O'Malley

Statement on the killing of George Floyd

May 30, 2020



In Boston we are physically miles away from Minneapolis. But no American city, and, really, no American citizen is separated from what we have seen this week in vivid detail. The killing of George Floyd has catalyzed reactions across the nation. It has done so because it is not a singular, isolated event.

The killing of George Floyd by a police officer in Minneapolis this week was morally wrong and must be legally prosecuted. To say this is to state the obvious, but it is worth saying because there is a powerful link between the moral and legal dimensions of the killing which has now sparked protest across the country. As a nation we entrust power, even lethal force, to our government and its representatives in law enforcement. But there are both moral and legal limits to how force can be used. If officers of the law use force in the way millions of us saw in an eight-minute video, then trust in the government, in the law and in the legal system is deeply wounded. That is why the legal prosecution, following constitutional standards, must proceed with care and urgency. The police failed the moral test in George Floyd's case; now the court will be tested. What is morally wrong must be pursued vigorously by legal standards. That much is lucidly clear.

There is a history here, one documented over decades in print, and now in social media and on television in our homes. The history is clear and tragic: George Floyd was an African American man who died at the hands of a police officer. This is a narrative which has been repeated often and in multiple locations across the country. The history is well documented, but it is known experientially in the African American community in a way that is not widely shared.

The wider community is aware of some cases, but the African American community lives with the experience and memories of these deaths in an entirely different way. It is a daily reality - one they must speak to their children about and live themselves with some fear.

This gap between different communities in what is one country, one civic community, is the broader reality which this week's events force any of us to reflect upon.

George Floyd's death occurred in the midst of the most catastrophic healthcare crisis in our history. We are all threatened by it. But the African American community has been impacted in numbers far beyond its size in the country. This fact in turn is related to and repeated in other issues of healthcare, employment and housing.

Responding to George Floyd's death reaches beyond one person to some of what it reminds us about in these larger realities of our nation. In responding to his death, some have used violence. I can understand the frustration but I must strongly oppose those methods. For any of us, the singular voice of Dr. Martin Luther King still rings true: *"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."*

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THANK YOU DEACON JOHN!
During the Pandemic Mass Closure, Deacon John Barry generously and faithfully led Morning Prayer by livestream Monday through Friday. Morning Prayer is “retiring” this week with the return of Daily Mass. We thank Deacon John for having offered this spiritual connection to help our people get through these difficult times!



JUNE 15 DEADLINE FOR ST. MARY'S CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES:



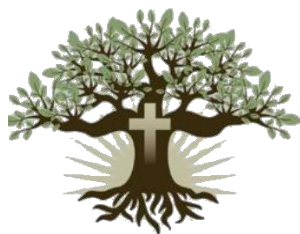
All 10th Graders applying for the Sacrament of Confirmation this fall must complete the St. Mary's Online Catholic Fundamentals Review by June 15, 2020.

Additionally, the following four items must be mailed to St. Mary's or dropped through the Rectory Office Door Mail Slot by June 15. Place them all in the same large envelope with the student's name and grade. Please keep backup copies at home.

- 1) Your ten Mass Reflection Sheets, (just the ones you have not already turned in at class).
- 2) Your Letter to the bishop.
- 3) Your Completed One Page Questionnaire on the “Confirmation as a Sacrament” Video Class.
- 4) The Priesthood and Religious Life Assignment sent to you by Gustavo Bachman in March, along with any make up work for missed classes this year that you have not already turned in.

For more details or information, consult the email sent to you by our Confirmation Coordinator, Jake Thiringer, on May 22. Or email Jake at stmarysym1870@gmail.com.

Please note that on account of the Pandemic, all 10th Grade students are being excused this year from the customary Confirmation Service Hours Paperwork, and the Confirmation Interview. Please pray for these young people as they discern God's call!



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: \$ 3,091.50
WeShare: \$ 3,161.94

Offertory Envelopes
dropped off or
mailed to the office: \$ 5,428.00
Total Offertory: \$ 11,681.44

Offertory Shortfall Last Weekend: \$3,318.56

PANDEMIC PERIOD

OFFERTORY SHORTFALLS:

May 23/24 Shortfall: \$3,318.56
May 16/17 Shortfall: \$1,066.91
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

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 (see above).

Even though Masses have now resumed, please note that for health safety reasons ...

Parishes are not permitted to take up the Offertory Collection at Mass.

In order to assure that St. Mary's can continue to pay her staff and bills, we therefore 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 mail in your parish offertory support each week, or drop it off through the Rectory Office Door mail slot until you can place it in the basket at Mass again.

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! - Mary Sanning

HOW TO ATTEND WEEKEND MASS ~ PANDEMIC PROCEDURES

(Daily Mass is exactly the same, except that there is no preregistration or sign in upon arrival. To save cleaning, only nave seating will be used on weekdays. To allow deep cleaning, the Saturday 9 AM Mass is suspended).

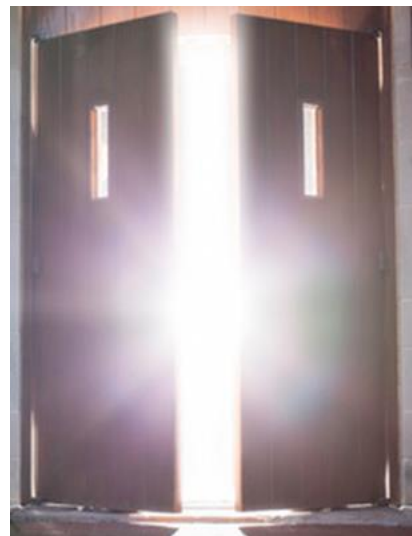
Please note that these rules have been mandated for all churches for health safety compliance. We did not devise them, we are just following them in order to reopen.

For their protection, the elderly and those with underlying health vulnerabilities are discouraged from attending in Phase One. Anyone with a fever or other symptoms of illness should also not attend.

- 1) Pre-sign up for a Mass via Sign Up Genius. After taping the church pews apart by 6 feet, our allowed capacity is now 200 people per Mass (usually 600).
- 2) Bring hand sanitizer with you and wear a mask at all times. Children under the age of two should not wear masks. Parents should judge for children between the ages of two and five whether they should wear a mask. All people who claim an exemption because of health can forego wearing a mask.
- 3) Bring a printout of the Mass Bible Readings if desired. To avoid possible cross-contamination, we are not permitted to provide missals or handouts. You may find the readings easily at: <http://www.usccb.org/bible/> by calendar date, or at www.magnificat.com/free. You can also access these on your smartphone, but please shut that ringer off for Mass! :)
- 4) Enter the church through the front center door facing the Town Hall, or the elevator if handicapped. Only these entrances will be accessible. If using the elevator, PLEASE hand sanitize before touching the glass entry door handles and elevator push buttons.
- 5) Sanitize your hands immediately upon entering the church. We have a limited supply of sanitizer for anyone who forgets to bring some, but please try to bring your own.
- 6) Sign in with the door volunteers at the Mass for which you preregistered.
- 7) Upon entering the church proper, keep your mask on at all times and follow 6 foot social distancing - except for families who may sit together as a group. Every other pew is taped off, and blue tape in each pew center marks out a 6 foot area between opposite ends of the same pew.
- 8) Please refrain from singing – spoken responses only.
- 9) For Holy Communion, follow the blue arrows which are spaced 6 feet apart. Receive with your mask on, in the hands only. Then step away from the Communion table. Once 6 feet from the priest or minister, remove your mask, place the Host in your mouth, and then immediately put your mask back in place.
- 10) If using the bathrooms in the Parish Center, follow the arrows to use one stairwell to go down and the other to come back up. This avoids people passing each other closely on the stairs.
- 11) Participants at Mass are asked to leave the church within a couple of minutes of the end of the Mass so as to allow time for cleaning the church before the next Mass. No social gatherings are permitted after Mass.
- 12) Please remove any papers or trash from your pew when you exit, and place it in the receptacles provided at the church entrances. Please do not leave anything in the pew where a cleaner would have to touch it!
- 13) Shared collection baskets are not permitted, so no collection can be taken up at Mass. Please continue to make your weekly offertory support via Automatic Giving, WeShare, or by mailing in or dropping off your envelope via the rectory mail-slot. Thank you!

This is a long list and hardly ideal. But we will do what we must to comply and open again.

A good video to help you visualize reopening procedures is here: <https://vimeo.com/421142581>



REGISTER FOR FALL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION BY JUNE 15, 2020!

The deadline to register your children for Religious Education Classes in the Fall of 2020 is Monday, June 15. Class time choices are on a first come first served basis. The Registration Form is now available on the St. Mary's Website: <https://stmarysholliston.com/> under Register/Parish Forms on the main page. Forms should be accompanied by full payment made out to St. Mary's Parish. Scholarships or payment plans are available. Open to families with children entering Pre-K through Grade 10. If you are new to Holliston and want to register your children please contact us at st.marysre1870@gmail.com. Welcome!



Religious Education

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: Tonight Sunday, May 31, we will have a virtual video-call meeting from 7:15 PM until approximately 8:15 PM. More information about the meeting, as well as technical and login information was shared earlier this week via email to registered teens and families as well as on our Instagram Page @stmarysepic.

2020 CATHOLIC APPEAL: 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.

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 the date.

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@gmail.com.

PARISH ANNIVERSARY HISTORY BOOK UPDATE: I am continuing to write the history of St. Mary's for the 150th Anniversary. I am currently working on events between 1950 and 1975 (prior to Fr. Haley). This is a difficult chapter as any newspaper articles are on microfilm (and are hard to find without a specific date) and the St. Mary's monthly newsletters started in 1981. Each week I will ask about a different topic and hope the collective memory of St. Mary's parishioners will provide me with some information. This week's topic is the CYO. The precursor to the Catholic Youth Organization, the St. Mary's Boys Club, was started by Fr. Daniel O'Keefe in the early 1940s. By 1950 St. Mary's CYO had a baseball and basketball team started by George DeCristoforo and Walter Dillon. The CYO continued into the 1980s and 1990s with sports and social events and was the forerunner to the current vibrant Youth Ministry at St. Mary's. If you have memories of participating in CYO activities, or had children who did, please email me your thoughts. No names will be used unless explicit permission is given. Betty.febo@gmail.com or call 508-429-7190. Thank you for making the history as complete as it can be. – Betty Febo

FUNERALS, WEDDINGS, BAPTISMS: Funeral Masses are now permitted again in the Archdiocese of Boston, with all the same new procedures and restrictions as other Masses (see page six of this bulletin). Weddings and Baptisms may now be celebrated under the same rules.

HOLLISTON PANTRY SHELF: The policy for requesting assistance has changed: Presently any Holliston resident in need who does not have a Pantry ID card or has not registered with the Pantry can simply email info@hollistonpantrysheil.org or call (508) 429-5392. A delivery will be scheduled to your door. You provide only your name, address, and phone number to verify Holliston residency. Every call is kept confidential, and no personal information is elicited. The Pantry Shelf, 73 Charles Street, is busier now than ever.

Please leave donations in the large grey chest outside the Pantry Shelf door. Current needs include: Paper Towels, Pasta Sauce, Cereal, Tuna Fish (5 Oz. Cans), Campbell Chunky Soup, Progresso Soups, Canned Carrots, Tomato Soup & Chicken Noodle Soup (10.75 Oz. Cans), Juice Boxes and Snacks. The Pantry Shelf protects each patron's privacy.

Name	Phone	Sold by	<input type="checkbox"/> BK	1706	12th Annual Charity Raffle  Knights of Columbus Council 14224 St. Mary's of Holliston First Prize \$1000 Second Prize \$500 Third Prize \$250 Fourth Prize \$150 Fifth Prize \$100 DRAWING: September 26, 2020 <i>Proceeds Benefit</i> Holliston Senior Center, Holliston Pantry Shelf, Veterans Charities Habitat for Humanity, Local Food Pantries & Other Charitable Donations For Official Rules see hollistoncares.com Ticket price \$5.00 Winner need not be present to win
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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 12TH ANNUAL CHARITY RAFFLE: We've donated over \$210,000 in the past eleven years, but this year is especially important because the pandemic has really hurt many charities. We're trying our best to help support them. Council Knights are now selling raffle tickets. One raffle ticket is \$5 or five tickets for \$20, and we have five prizes from \$100 to \$1000.

Due to the current pandemic, Knights will follow all social distancing rules and Knights will happily deliver or mail your tickets. You may purchase tickets by sending your check payable to KofC #14224, name, address, and phone number to TOM ANGUISH, 542 WINTER STREET, HOLLISTON. We'll fill out your tickets and send your portion back to you. Live sales at local stores have been put on hold. New schedules will be announced once the state of emergency has been lifted.

We're donating to the Holliston Pantry Shelf and food pantries in other local towns, the Holliston Senior Center, local Habitat for

Humanity projects, Homes for our Troops and other veteran's charities. The Drawing is scheduled to take place at Celebrate Holliston on September 26. Raffle co-chairmen are Knights Tom Anguish, Bill Heuer, Aaron Pyman and Grand Knight Al Scaramella.

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!

WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS:

“After being in the company of his disciples for the forty days following his resurrection, the Lord ascended into heaven, and on the fiftieth day - the day we are now celebrating - he sent the Holy Spirit. The account is given in Scripture:

Suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and there appeared to them tongues like fire which separated and came to rest on each one of them.

And they began to speak in other tongues, as the Holy Spirit gave them power of utterance. (Acts 2:2)

That wind cleansed the disciples’ hearts, blowing away fleshly thoughts like so much chaff. The fire burnt up their unregenerate desires as if they were straw.

The tongues in which they spoke as the Holy Spirit filled them were a foreshadowing of the Church’s preaching of the Gospel in the tongues of all nations.

After the flood, in pride and defiance of the Lord, an impious generation erected a high tower and so brought about the division of the human race into many language groups, each with its own peculiar speech which was unintelligible to the rest of the world.

At Pentecost, by contrast, the humble piety of believers brought all these diverse languages into the unity of the Church. What discord had scattered, love was to gather together.

Like the limbs of a single body, the separated members of the human race would be restored to unity by being joined to Christ, their common head, and welded into the oneness of a holy body by the fire of love.

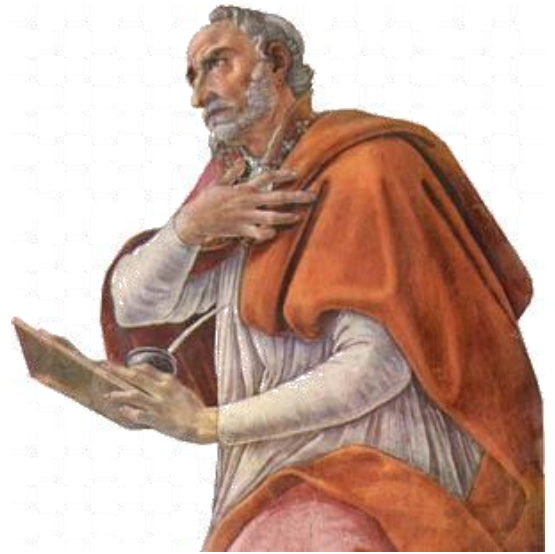
Anyone therefore who rejects the gift of peace and withdraws from the fellowship of this unity cuts himself off from the gift of the Holy Spirit.

So then, my fellow members of Christ’s body, you are the fruits of unity and the children of peace. Keep this day with joy, celebrate it in freedom of spirit, for in you is fulfilled what was foreshadowed in those days when the Holy Spirit came.

At that time whoever received the Holy Spirit spoke in many languages, individual though he was. Now in the same way unity itself speaks through all nations in every tongue.

If you yourselves are established in that unity you have the Holy Spirit among you, and nothing can separate you from the Church of Christ which speaks in the language of every nation of the world.”

- St. Augustine (Sermon 271:PL 38, 1245-1246)



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!

PRE-K, KINDERGARTEN AND GRADE 1: If you have children entering these grades you can register them in our religious education program. Just go to the website listed above and download the registration form, complete it and either mail it or send it via Email to our office at st.marysre1870@gmail.com. **Please note that children must complete Grade 1 before entering our Grade 2 Program.**

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.

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.

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/>.



**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 & Gustavo have sent 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. See page 5 of this bulletin for more Grade 10 Information.

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.

THE LITURGICAL CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST- PART IV: The movement of the celebration (continued).

In the communion preceded by the Lord's prayer and the breaking of the bread, the faithful receive the “bread from heaven” and the “cup of salvation,” The Body and Blood of Christ Who offered Himself “for the life of the world.” Because this bread and wine have been made Eucharist (“eucharisted,” according to an ancient expression), we call this food Eucharist, and no one may take part in it unless he believes that what we teach is true, has received baptism for the forgiveness of sins and new birth, and lives with keeping with what Christ taught.”

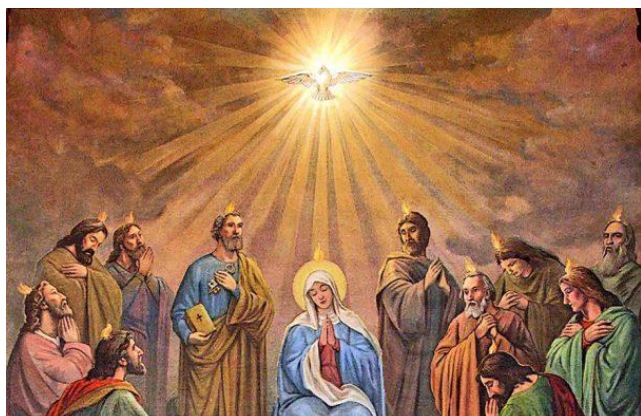
THE SACRAMENTAL SACRIFICE: Thanksgiving, Memorial, Presence ~ Part V, Article 3 of the Catechism of the Catholic Church on the Sacrament of the Eucharist. If from the beginning Christians have celebrated the

Eucharist and in a form whose substance has not changed despite the great diversity of times and liturgies, it is because we know ourselves to be bound by the command the Lord gave on the Eve of His Passion: "Do this in remembrance of Me" (CCC 1356). We carry out this command of the Lord by *celebrating the memorial of His sacrifice*. In so doing, *we offer to the Father* what He has Himself given us: The gifts of His creation, bread and wine which, by the power of the Holy Spirit and by the words of Christ have become the Body and Blood of Christ. Christ is thus really and *mysteriously* made *present* (CCC 1357).

We must therefore consider the Eucharist as:

- thanksgiving and Praise to the Father;
- the sacrificial memorial of Christ and His Body;
- the presence of Christ by the power of His word and of His *Spirit* (CCC 1358).

The Solemnity of Pentecost The Descent of the Holy Spirit



When Jesus proclaims and promises the coming of the Holy Spirit, He calls Him the "Paraclete," literally, "He Who is called to one's side," *ad-vocatus*. The Holy Spirit is also known as "Consolor" and Jesus is our first consolor. Our Lord also called the Holy Spirit the "The Spirit of Truth."

In the Book of Genesis when God created the heavens and the earth, the mighty wind (*ruah*) swept over the waters. The mighty wind was God's Spirit forming all life on earth. This same Spirit of God breathed life into the nostrils of Adam.

There are many symbols of the Holy Spirit. The **Water** symbolizes the Holy Spirit's action in Baptism and once the invocation of the Holy Spirit it becomes the efficacious sacramental sign of new birth in the divine life. The **Oil** signifies the Holy Spirit in the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. We are *sealed* in the Holy Spirit in Christ Who is our Anointed King.

In the Incarnation of Jesus, the Virgin Mary conceived Him by the Holy Spirit. When Mary and Joseph took the child Jesus to present Him in the Temple the holy man Simeon, who was given *knowledge* by the Holy Spirit, told Mary that a sword would pierce her heart one day. The Holy Spirit filled Christ and the power of the Spirit went out from Him in His acts of healing and of saving souls. It was the Holy Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead. Victorious over death, Jesus pours out the Holy Spirit abundantly upon us.

The Fire: While water signifies birth and life given by the Holy Spirit, fire symbolizes the transforming energy of the Holy Spirit's actions. In the form of tongues "as of fire," the Holy Spirit rests on the disciples and Jesus' mother on the morning of Pentecost and fills them with Himself." The Holy Spirit sends them out to bear witness to the Truth taught by Jesus Christ.

The Dove: At the end of the flood a dove released by Noah returns with a fresh olive-tree branch in its beak as a sign that the earth is now once again habitable. When Jesus comes up from the waters of the Jordan River of His Baptism, the Holy Spirit, in the form of a dove, comes down upon Him and remains with Him.

The Finger: "It is by the finger of God that [Jesus] cast out demons." If God's law was written on tablets of stone "by the finger of God," then the "letter from Christ" entrusted to the care of the Apostles, is written "with the Spirit of the living God on the human heart."

The Seal: This is a symbol close to that of anointing. "The Father has set His seal" on Christ and also seals us in Him. Because the seal is the indelible effect of the anointing of the Holy Spirit in the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders, the image of the seal has been used in some theological traditions to express the indelible "character" imprinted by these three unrepeatable sacraments (CCC 699).

The Hand: Jesus heals the sick and blesses the children by laying hands on them. Jesus instructs His Apostles to do the same in His name and it is by the Apostles imposition of hands that the Holy Spirit is given to heal and raise the dead. In the Sacrament of Holy Orders the priests receive the laying on of hands from the bishop to effect the sacraments of healing to the sick and dying.

When you pray each day, invoke the Holy Spirit.

O Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us, Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us. Melt us mold us, fill us, use us, Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us. O come Holy Spirit, Soul of our souls enlighten, guide and counsel, tell us what to do and command us to do it.