





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 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.

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, make sure we have your current email address. Please email any changes to St.marys1870@gmail.com. Thank you!

PRAYERS AND MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday	May 30
5:00	Florence "Pinky" Moloney
7:30	Isaac de Guzman, 39 th Anv.
Sunday	May 31
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Stephen Warren, 22 nd Anv.
11:30	Dr. Emmanuel Taktak
Monday	June 1
9:00	Carmine and Loretta Gizzi
Tuesday	June 2
9:00	Antonio Sanches
Wednesday	June 3
9:00	Francesca Borrelli
Thursday	June 4
9:00	Edward Joyce
Friday	June 5
9:00	Peggy Palmer
Saturday	June 6
5:00	Helen Fleming
7:30	Mary Costello
Sunday	June 7
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Catherine McDermott
11:30	Patrick McDonald



TRAVELING? Check out www.masstimes.org to find out the name, location and Mass schedule of the nearest Catholic Church anywhere in America.



Saint Mary's Parish

8 Church St. ~ Holliston, MA ~ 01746 ~ (508) 429-4427

June 7, 2020
Feast of the Most Holy Trinity

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

One God, existing as three distinct persons, sharing the same divine nature. This is the great mystery celebrated by today's Feast of the Holy Trinity, a truth revealed in Sacred Scripture but impossible for the mind to fully comprehend. Over the centuries, many illustrations have been offered for the Holy Trinity – an equilateral triangle, the shamrock, three musical notes making a single chord of sound, just to name a few. Ultimately, all examples fall short, as St. Augustine discovered when he applied his own formidable intellect to this mystery. As the saint recounts, one day he was walking along a beach by the ocean, his mind struggling to understand the Holy Trinity, One God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Then Augustine happened to see a little boy playing up ahead. The child had dug a small hole in the sand. With his little hands he was carrying water from the ocean and was dumping it in the hole. Augustine asked, *"What are you doing, my child?"* The child replied, *"I want to put all of the water of the ocean into this hole."* Once more Augustine asked, *"But is it possible for all of the water of this great ocean to be contained in this little hole?"* And the child asked him in return, *"If the water of the ocean cannot be contained in this little hole, then how can the Infinite Trinitarian God be contained in your mind?"* And with that the child disappeared, for indeed he had been an angel.

While we may never fully grasp the mystery of the Trinity, there is one very important truth that it reveals. Our God, even in His inmost being, is a God of *relationships*. What are Father and Son if not titles that speak to us of relationship, the Holy Spirit in all love flowing from them both? And if our God is first and foremost a God who *relates*, even within Himself, then it should not surprise us that in order to draw close to Him, we also must enter into relationships. Truly this is the most basic premise of the Church, the belief that we can draw closer to God as a community of faith than we could ever do as isolated individuals. The Church, a body of believers entering into relationships of mutual love, faith, and support is in one sense an image of the Trinity.

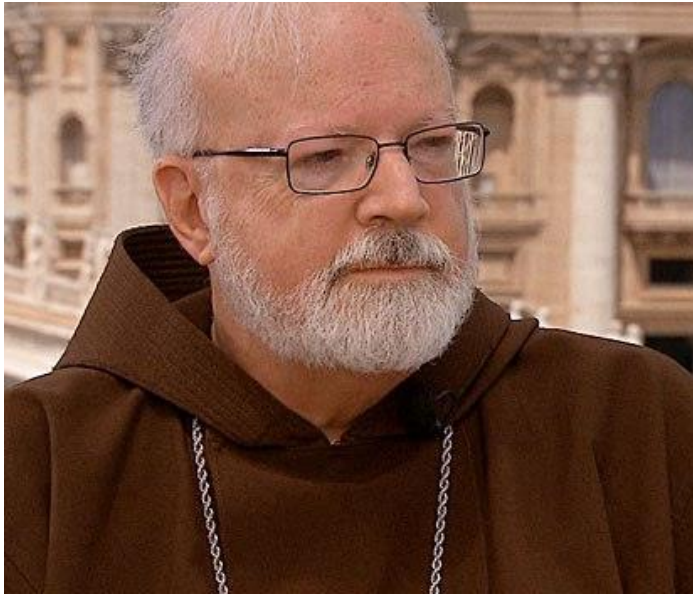
The fact that relationships are key in drawing close to God was clearly expressed in Jesus' answer to the question, "What is the greatest commandment?" Jesus said, *"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like unto it: Love your neighbor as yourself."* Jesus is asked to name one commandment, but He answers with two commandments that are inseparable – love God and love your neighbor. The first is not possible without the second, as the Triune God is relational. Whenever therefore we seek to build community, to extend ourselves selflessly to each other in love, we are acting in a Trinitarian manner.

In this time of national unrest and reflection following the killing of George Floyd, let the Holy Trinity be for us a model of equality and community. When we pray the Lord's Prayer, let us be conscious that the words "Our Father," link us to every other human person on the planet. Let us strive to embrace every human being as our brother or sister in Christ. Let us invoke the Holy Spirit of God, begging His sevenfold gifts of Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Fear of the Lord. Let us look for Jesus in every person we meet, regardless of race, age, health, gender, religion, nationality, or state of grace. For whatsoever we do unto them, we do also unto the Lord.

In His Service and Yours,

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

Rev. Mark J. Coiro
Pastor



CARDINAL SEÁN O'MALLEY LETTER TO THE PARISHIONERS OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BOSTON

JUNE 5, 2020

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

For four hundred and one years this land, which would become the United States of America, has had to deal with the evil and moral cancer that is racism.

When the word racism is invoked it is often identified in personal terms: someone whose attitudes, convictions and actions target a group of

other individuals because of color. This is a valid but only partial meaning of the term. From such people as Fredrick Douglas and Harriet Tubman, to contemporary leaders, thinkers and activists, African Americans have tried consistently to expand the general understanding of racism. In word and deed, they have pointed to the reality of systemic and structural racism.

Racism and slavery find a common nexus in this country, the denial of the humanity and dignity of other persons. As a nation we abolished slavery legally, but we have not dealt with its enduring legacy. If we reject slavery then we must reject and denounce the dehumanizing attitudes that foster discrimination, inequality and violence. Racism can be explicit, but it also can be unrecognized and unacknowledged. Yet, all of its manifestations are deadly and corrosive to civil society. Like COVID-19, racism can infect any person, without regard to region, religion, race or ethnicity. It is highly contagious, easily transmitted to others, and too often unseen and disguised in those seemingly healthy. Racism is a social and spiritual disease that kills people.

The murder of George Floyd, an African American citizen, at the hands of four rogue police officers was tragically all too familiar to the African American community. During our lifetimes there has been the reality of the Negro Travelers Green Book, identifying locations where African Americans stop and stay in our country with less likelihood of being attacked. We have seen the Ku Klux Klan's brutal lynchings of innocent black people. And we have now again witnessed heinous violence perpetrated by some who were entrusted with the duty to protect. George Floyd's death makes clear that racist premises and attitudes, often implicit, are woven through basic structures—political, legal, economic, cultural and religious—in the United States.

The earliest days of my priesthood were lived in Washington, D.C. on 16th St. in the heart of the city. I was there the night Dr. Martin Luther King. Jr. was assassinated. The city was set ablaze with 700 fires, tanks lined the streets around the White House and soldiers with bayonets stood on every corner. The killing of Dr. King sparked despair and rage throughout the African American community in the United States. Since then there have been important and meaningful advances of civil rights and the election of an African American President. But to know that fifty years later four police officers would see themselves entitled to murder a black man with impunity makes clear how far we must yet go to achieve racial equality.

In the weeks following Dr. King's assassination in 1968, during the time of the Poor People's March on Washington, I joined the individuals and families at Resurrection City at the Lincoln Memorial. Off duty police officers hurled tear gas at our encampment and shouted vile profanities at us. I did not then, and we do not now judge all police officers on the basis of the reprehensible, criminal acts of those few who betray their brothers and sisters in uniform. The vast majority of police officers, very notably in Boston through the leadership of Commissioner Gross, serve as heroic, selfless first responders who take seriously their mission and face danger to protect others.

The antidote to the poison of racism is community and solidarity. The protests in response to George Floyd's murder, in my view, have been predominantly peaceful and focused on the urgent need to address racism as a systemic, cultural, and legal reality. Some violent protesters and out of town infiltrators, few in number but by intention disproportionately visible, had interest in neither justice nor its achievement. As Governor Baker stated, they should be legally punished and should not be able to tarnish the greater significance of the peaceful marches and demonstrations we have witnessed.

We recognize that the Catholic Church in the United States must contend with our historical complicity in slavery and our need for racial healing. However, an important part of the legacy of the Catholic faith is our social teaching. The Catholic Church is a community of people of all colors, nationalities and ethnicities. Catholic moral teaching is based on the fact that all people – without regard to race, religion, ethnicity or nationality – are created in the image of God. This teaching rejects any form of racism, personal or systemic. Our faith calls us to leadership in breaking down barriers and standing against injustice. To violate human dignity is to dishonor the presence of Christ in each person.

Going forward, the reality of racism in our society and the moral imperative of racial equality and justice must be incorporated in our schools, our teaching and our preaching. We must uphold the commitments to equal dignity and human rights in all institutions of our society, in politics, law, economy, education. Catholic teaching on social justice measures the way a society acts fairly or not. Our work will not be done until African American men, women and children are treated equally in every aspect of life in the United States.

The killing of George Floyd is painful evidence of what is and has been at stake for African Americans - the failure of society in too many ways to protect their lives and the lives of their children. As Catholics we are taught to nurture protect life from its inception to its natural end and at every moment in-between. The demonstrations and protests of these days have been calls for justice and heart wrenching expressions of deep emotional pain from which we cannot turn away. They call us to affirm the inestimable value of every person's life. They call us to redouble our commitment to foster respect and justice for all people. They call us to uphold and defend the truth that Black Lives Matter.

With the assurance of my continued prayers,

Devotedly yours in Christ,

Cardinal Seán O'Malley, OFM, Cap.
Archbishop of Boston

WEEK I - RACISM: Last weekend we printed the Cardinal's statement about the killing of George Floyd by a police officer in Minneapolis in which he said that the killing was "morally wrong and must be legally prosecuted." He also noted that the history of Black American men dying at the hands of police was "clear and tragic". While the Cardinal did not use the word "racism" in his statement of last week, this is a term that has been the subject of much conversation in the past two weeks.

Consequently, here are some reflections about racism for your consideration. The Catechism of the Catholic Church, in quoting the Vatican II document *Gaudium et Spes* (29 §2), teaches us that "every form of social or cultural discrimination in fundamental personal rights...is not compatible with God's design" (1935). The US Bishops, in their 2018 pastoral letter entitled *Open Wide Our Hearts*, call racist acts "sinful" because they violate justice; you can read the entire letter at <https://bit.ly/3gW8ncA>. The US Bishops also have a webpage devoted to the issue of racism; this page, which has relevant articles and videos, is found under the "Issues and Actions" tab on the bishops page, <http://www.usccb.org/>. We'll print more general information next week, along with some suggestions from the US Bishops about actions you can take. (Submitted by Leo Racine).



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!

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

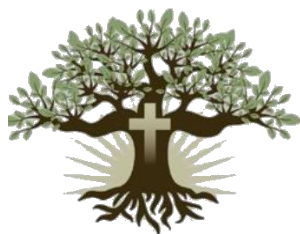
All 10th Graders applying for the Sacrament of Confirmation this fall must complete the St. Mary's Online Catholic Fundamentals Review by June 15, 2020.

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.

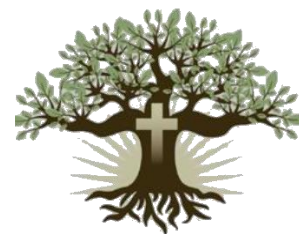


For more details or information, consult the email sent to you by our Confirmation Coordinator, Jake Thiringer, on May 22. Or email Jake at stmarysym1870@gmail.com. Please note that on account of the Pandemic, all 10th Grade students are being excused this year from the customary Confirmation Service 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:	\$ 3,416.00
WeShare:	\$ 4,245.82
Offertory Envelopes dropped off or mailed to the office:	\$ 7,699.00
Total Offertory:	\$ 15,360.82

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

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: We regret to announce that the 2020 St. Mary's EPIC Mission Trip to Gulfport Mississippi has been cancelled due to the current health crisis. Our 69 registered EPIC teens and adult leaders are incredibly heartbroken and disappointed by this news. However, given our group size, the St. Mary's Mission Trip planning team and the R & R Retreat Mission staff did not see a way to safely manage travel to Mississippi, and maintain social distance and safety on work sites and at the camp where we would have stayed. This would put the health of our participants and those we would have served at risk. We are in the process of refunding the payments registered teens and their families have already made. We are hoping that we will be able to include our current graduating seniors in the 2021 Mission Trip, even though they may not be able to attend our EPIC Meetings throughout the coming school year. We would also like to thank our teens and group leaders who joined us for our virtual video meeting on Sunday night last week.

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: Covid-19 is not stopping the progress of the anniversary history book! It is still being written, and I am working on the chapter between 1950 and 1970 (Prior to Fr. Haley). I could use your help. I am hoping the collective memory of St. Mary's parishioners will provide me some information. The past two weeks I was looking for information on CYO activities at St. Mary's. This week I need your experiences with the St. Mary's Teen Center in the Parish House on Elm Street in the 1960s and very early 1970s. The building was purchased by Fr. O'Brien in the 1960s and it burned in August of 1972. Chaperoned dances were held on Friday nights. If you have memories of activities at the Teen Center, or had children who participated, please email me your thoughts. I would like to make the history of St. Mary's as complete as it can be so it can be preserved for generations to come. No names will be used unless explicit permission is given. Betty.febo@gmail.com or call 508-429-7190. Thank you.

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 next page 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	<input type="checkbox"/> BK	1706	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.

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>



Watch Video

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!

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
CANCELLED**

After much discernment and prayer our VBS will be suspended this summer. As public activities slowly resume, social distance and wearing masks may be the norm for many more weeks. It is first prudent and necessary to measure the safety risks of the children and adults who would be engaged in VBS group activities soon after being isolated for many weeks. Families who have registered for VBS will have their fees refunded. May God bless you and protect you.

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 SACRAMENTAL SACRIFICE: THANSIVING, MEMORIAL, PRESENCE ~ Thanksgiving and praise to the Father.

The Eucharist, the Sacrament of our salvation accomplished by Christ on the cross, is also a sacrifice of praise in thanksgiving for the work of creation. In the Eucharistic sacrifice the whole of creation loved by God is presented to the Father through the death and Resurrection of Christ. Through Christ the Church can offer the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving for all that God has made good, beautiful, and just in creation and in humanity (1359). The Eucharist is a *sacrifice of thanksgiving* to the Father, a blessing by which the Church expresses Her gratitude to God for all His benefits, for all that He has accomplished through creation, redemption, and