

The righteous man walks in his integrity;
His children are blessed after him.

– Proverbs 20:7 NKJV



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

8 Church St., Holliston, MA 01746

Website: www.stmarysholliston.com

Email Address: St.marys1870@gmail.com

Rectory Phone: (508) 429 - 4427 or (508) 879 - 2322

Religious Education Phone: (508) 429 - 6076

Fax: (508) 429 - 3324

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!



From the Pastor's Desk

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

Happy Father's Day! This weekend we remember in our prayers all fathers – both those living and those who have gone to God. We thank God for the blessing these men have been in our lives, and remember also that by Baptism God has adopted us as His very own children, becoming forever our spiritual Father in whose home we hope one day to dwell. When Jesus' disciples asked Him how to pray, Jesus told them to call God their "Father." Many have said that this was the greatest compliment that Jesus ever paid to Joseph, His step-father. In fact our relationship with our earthly fathers has a profound impact on our view of God, our Heavenly Father. If a father is overly critical then his child grows to see God as judgmental. If a father is neglectful then the child concludes that God does not care. If, on the other hand, a dad is supportive, loving and attentive, then the child grows to see God as their compassionate and caring Heavenly Father. To bear the name of "Father," then is an awesome responsibility and sacred trust. May God bless and fit every dad to the task!

In His Service and Yours,

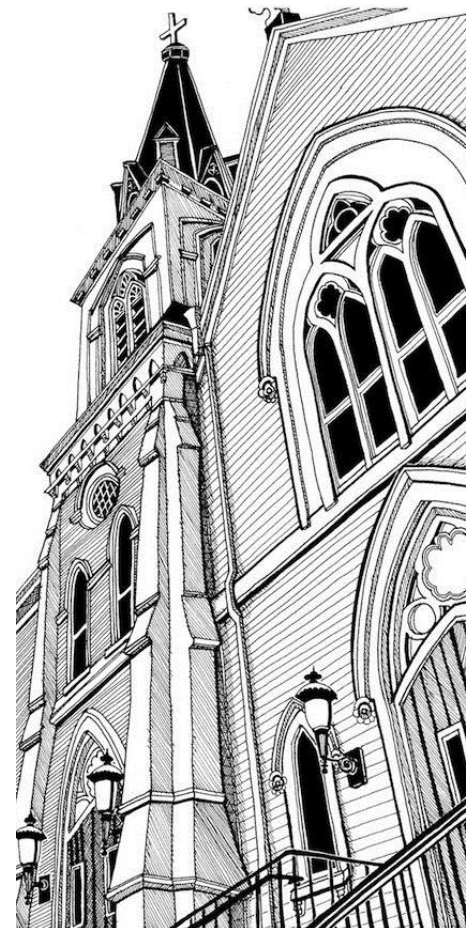
Rev. Mark J. Coiro
Pastor



KEEPING THE MISSION ALIVE/BOOK DISCUSSION: During St. Mary's 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 with some information. The past few weeks I was looking for info on CYO activities at St. Mary's and St. Mary's Teen Center from the 1960s. Did you know the land to build Cole Court was sold by the Archdiocese of Boston? Early Holliston Town Reports mention a Mission in East Holliston but I have not found any services held there or any structures on the property. If you have any information on any of these topics, please contact me. No names will be used unless explicit permission is given. Betty.febo@gmail.com or call 508-429-7190. Thank you.



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



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.

THE ROSE FOR LIFE: Is sponsored this week by a St. Mary's Parishioner in memory of Mary Miley. Please join her in prayer for an unborn child. If you wish to sponsor the Rose in 2020 please call the Rectory at 429-4427.

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.

PRAYERS AND MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday	June 20
5:00	Vincent Mullen
7:30	John & Helen Shannahan
Sunday	June 21
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Gaetano Urbano
11:30	Maryellen Miller
Monday	June 22
9:00	Pasquale & Francesca DiCenso
Tuesday	June 23
9:00	Alice McJunkins
Wednesday	June 24
9:00	Sr. Ricci
Thursday	June 25
9:00	John W. Quinn
Friday	June 26
9:00	Constantina DiCenso
Saturday	June 27
5:00	Dominic Magrini, 3 rd Anv.
7:30	Helen Medwid
Sunday	June 28
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Jane Errico
11:30	Dante, Carmela and Crescenzo Camuso



"Every family needs a father - a father who shares in his family's joy and pain, hands down wisdom to his children and offers them firm guidance and love."
- Pope Francis

"In revealing and in reliving on earth the very fatherhood of God, a man is called upon to ensure the harmonious and united development of all the members of the family." - **St. John Paul II**

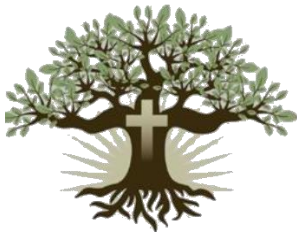


HELP US KEEP THE DOORS OPEN – PLEASE VOLUNTEER TO BE A GREETER! St. Mary's is required to have greeters to count and guide Mass-goers

during the Pandemic. Several have retired, and with summer vacation schedules for the rest we soon may have to cancel certain of our weekend Masses for lack of door greeters. Please help us keep our doors open by volunteering to greet at them!

Volunteer by emailing your availability to Mary Beth Harris at st.marys1870@gmail.com

Thank you and God bless you!



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us



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

LAST SUNDAY'S PARISH OFFERTORY:

Mass Collections:	\$ 0.00
Automatic Giving:	\$ 2,990.00
WeShare:	\$ 7,462.96
Offertory Envelopes dropped off or mailed to the office:	\$ 6,449.00
Total Offertory:	\$ 16,901.96

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

Thank you for your faithful stewardship!

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 right).

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

RE^{IGI}OUS EDUCA^{TION}

REGISTRATIONS NOW PAST DUE FOR FALL 2020 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: The deadline to register children for Religious Education Classes in the Fall of 2020 was Monday, June 15. Class time choices are on a first

come first served basis, and students are now being assigned classes. The Registration Forms are still 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!

WEEK 3 - RACISM: Here are some resources that offer suggestions on what we Catholics, as people of faith, can do to better understand the issue of racism, the ways in which we may unwittingly foster it, and the work we can do to create a more just society. The two page bulletin insert for the US Bishops' letter, *Open Wide Our Hearts*, promotes four responses to racism in our society; this insert can be found at <https://bit.ly/USCCBbulletininsert>. One of the responses to racism cited in this insert is an examination of conscience. Maddie Murphy has adapted the classic Ignatian Examen (daily prayer) for use in our time; it is at <https://bit.ly/WhiteAllyExamen>. At the end of her Examen, Ms. Murphy suggests that one can work to educate oneself about racism. At the following link you will find an extensive list of readings about Black Catholics created by US Catholic: <https://bit.ly/BlackCatholicsReadingList>. Finally, if you prefer to watch a video presentation, a 2017 talk given by Fr. Bryan Massingale, a Catholic priest from the diocese of Milwaukee is at <https://bit.ly/MassingaleTalk>. (Submitted by Leo Racine)

POPE FRANCIS ON FATHERHOOD:

Every family needs a father. Today we shall reflect on the value of his role, and I would like to begin with a few expressions that we find in the Book of Proverbs, words that a father addresses to his own son, and it reads like this: "My son, if your heart is wise, my heart too will be glad. My soul will rejoice when your lips speak what is right" (Pr 23:15-16).

Nothing could better express the pride and emotion a father feels when he understands that he has handed down to his child what really matters in life, that is, a wise heart. This father does not say: "I am proud of you because you are the same as me, because you repeat the things I say and do". No, he does not say anything so simple to him. He says something much more important, which we can understand in this way: "I will be happy every time I see you act with wisdom, and I will be moved every time that I hear you speak with rectitude. This is what I wanted to leave to you, that this one thing become yours: the attitude to feel and act, to speak and judge with wisdom and rectitude. And that you might be like this, I taught you the things you didn't know, I corrected the errors you didn't see. I made you feel a profound and at the same time discrete affection, which maybe you did not fully recognize when you were young and unsure. I gave you a testimony of rigour and steadfastness that perhaps you didn't understand, when you would have



liked only complicity and protection. I had first to test myself in the wisdom of my heart, be vigilant of my excesses of sentiment and resentment, in order to carry the weight of the inevitable misunderstandings, to find the right words to make myself understood.”

Now, continues the father, “I see that you strive to be this way with your own children, and with everyone, and it moves me. I am happy to be your father”. This is what a wise father, a mature father, says. A father knows all too well what it costs to hand down this heritage: how close, how gentle and how firm to be. But what consolation and what recompense he receives when the children honour this legacy! It is a joy that rewards all the toil, that overcomes every misunderstanding and heals every wound.

The first need, then, is precisely this: that a father be present in the family. That he be close to his wife, to share everything, joy and sorrow, hope and hardship. And that he be close to his children as they grow: when they play and when they strive, when they are carefree and when they are distressed, when they are talkative and when they are silent, when they are daring and when they are afraid, when they take a wrong step and when they find their path again; a father who is always present. To say “present” is not to say “controlling”! Fathers who are too controlling cancel out their children, they don’t let them develop.

The Gospel speaks to us about the exemplarity of the Father who is in Heaven — who alone, Jesus says, can be truly called the “good Father” (cf. Mk 10:18). Everyone knows that extraordinary parable of the “prodigal son”, or better yet of the “merciful father”, which we find in the Gospel of Luke in chapter 15 (cf. 15:11-32). What dignity and what tenderness there is in the expectation of that father, who stands at the door of the house waiting for his son to return! Fathers must be patient. Often there is nothing else to do but wait; pray and wait with patience, gentleness, magnanimity and mercy.

A good father knows how to wait and knows how to forgive from the depths of his heart. Certainly, he also knows how to correct with firmness: he is not a weak father, submissive and sentimental. The father who knows how to correct without humiliating is the one who knows how to protect without sparing himself...

If, then, there is someone who can fully explain the prayer of the “Our Father”, taught by Jesus, it is the one who lives out paternity in the first person. Without the grace that comes from the Father who is in Heaven, fathers lose courage, and abandon camp. But children need to find a father waiting for them when they come home after failing. They will do everything not to admit it, not to show it, but they need it; and not to find it opens wounds in them that are difficult to heal.



The Church, our mother, is committed to supporting with all her strength the good and generous presence of fathers in families, for they are the irreplaceable guardians and mediators of faith in goodness, of faith in justice and in God’s protection, like St Joseph.

– Pope Francis General Audience
http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/audiences/2015/documents/papa-francesco_20150204_udienza-generale.html



BE A YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST MISSIONARY

What is a Year of the Eucharist Missionary?

A person who believes in the True Presence of the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist and will dedicate themselves to pray, participate in, and promote the Year of the Eucharist.

Who can be a Missionary?

We welcome anyone within and outside of the Archdiocese of Boston to join us as Missionaries, deepening your own love of the Eucharist, and praying for this Eucharistic Year to bear fruit in the whole Church.

St. Mary's Year of the Eucharist Coordinators are Fran Crespi and Jim Merski. Please contact Fran Crespi (st.marysdre1870@gmail.com) or Jim Merski (mjmerski@gmail.com) to become a Year of the Eucharist volunteer.

What does a Year of the Eucharist Missionary do?

We call it the Three P's — **Pray, Participate, Promote.**

1. **PRAYER** – Commit to praying an additional 1% each day. That's 15 minutes. This can be done at home, in front of the Blessed Sacrament, by going to Mass, or reading Scripture, etc.

- Families and/or youth under 12 promise to say at least 3 prayers a day, such as the morning offering, grace before meals, and a bedtime prayer.

2. **PARTICIPATION** – Commit to helping with and attending Year of the Eucharist events at your parish, school, shrine, campus ministry, and ecclesial community.

- Consider ways to help homebound missionaries participate, such as picking them up to attend an event and/or have them assist with an administrative task.

3. **PROMOTION** – Commit to witnessing to the power of the Eucharist in your life. You can do this a few different ways: give a witness talk at the end of Mass, on a video, or at a faith formation gathering; write something for the bulletin; make a picture to hang up at home, at church, or at school; spread the word about the Year of the Eucharist events at your parish and in the Archdiocese.

To participate, please go to the Year of the Eucharist website at:

<https://www.bostoncatholic.org/yearoftheeucharist/missionaries> to register and become a Year of the Eucharist Missionary and we will send you a Year of the Eucharist pin and prayer card! Once you register, you will be sent a link to the recorded virtual commissioning ceremony which took place with Cardinal Sean on Thursday, June 11th.



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.

Name.....
 Phone.....
 Sold by.....

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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

Proceeds Benefit

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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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. Weddings and Baptisms may now be celebrated under the same rules.



MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP: Due to the COVID - 19 Pandemic, all Middle School Youth Group Activities scheduled for 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. Watch your emails for a link to this year's MSYG Slideshow – almost finished and coming your way soon!

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!



**THE PARISH CENTER IS CLOSED
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
DUE TO THE COVID-19 VIRUS.**

NOTICE FOR THE 2020-2021 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATIONS: Registration forms are 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.

Many families have contacted our office to inquire about classes in September and if they should send in the registration for their children. It is important that you send in the registrations so we can plan ahead with either the classroom model, remote home classes or a hybrid model of both. St. Mary's will have faith formation for your children and youth in September. At this time we are waiting to learn how the Holliston Public School system will decide when and how classes will be held or if there will be a hybrid classroom or remote learning at home. Families will decide if it will be safe for their children to return to school by September. We are also obligated to honor what the Archdiocese of Boston mandates for the safety and protection of the children, youth and volunteers as the months go forward. There are so many unknowns at this time regarding the behavior of the virus as it mutates and is still infecting people. The past three months have been difficult for families and their children. God fashioned our lives to be in relationships and for children this means being with their friends. All this has been on hold. A mother mentioned that it was difficult for her to get her children off to school every morning and now her children miss their teachers and friends and want to be back in school. To help you through this crisis we know that our faith in God gives us hope. Take the time to pray together as a family before your meals and thank God for the gift of blessings that you have. Our loving God does not ignore our prayers and He will provide the grace needed to meet our needs if we trust in Him. May God bless you and keep you and your loved ones safe.

PRE-K, KINDERGARTEN AND GRADE 1: If you have children entering these grades you can register them in our religious education program. Go to the website listed above and download the registration form. **Please note that children must complete Grade 1 before entering Grade 2.**

WINGS (Women in God's Spirit): 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 NOTICE

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. Good news is that Group has developed a home VBS program with great activities and projects the family can enjoy and engage in at home this summer. The program will be sent out to you next week.

Thank you for your understanding.

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.

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.

FAITH FORMATION MATERIALS FOR GRADES K THROUGH 7:

Our Religious Education Office will provide families with spiritual educational materials during the summer via Email 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 and 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.

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.

THE SACRAMENTAL SACRIFICE: THANSIVING, MEMORIAL, PRESENCE ~ The Sacrificial memorial of Christ and of His Body, the Church. The Eucharist as the memorial ~ continued from last week.

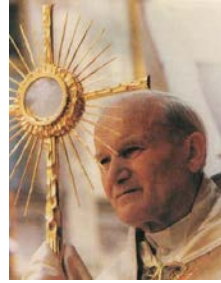
In the New Testament the memorial takes on a new meaning. When the Church celebrates the Eucharist, she commemorates Christ's Passover and it is made present: the sacrifice Christ offered once for all on the cross remains ever present. As often as the sacrifice of the Cross by which 'Christ our Pasch has been sacrificed' is celebrated on the altar, the work of our redemption is carried out (CCC 1364).

Because it is the memorial of Christ's Passover, the Eucharist is also a sacrifice. The sacrificial character of the Eucharist is manifested in the very words of institution. "This is My Body which is given for you" and "This cup which is poured out for you is the New Covenant in My Blood." In the Eucharist Christ gives us the very Body which He gave up for us on the Cross, the very Blood He which He "poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins (CCC 1365).

The Eucharist is thus a sacrifice be it *re-presents* (makes present) the sacrifice of the cross, because it is its memorial and because it applies its fruit:

[Christ], our Lord and God, was once and for all to offer Himself to God the Father by His death on the altar of the cross, to accomplish there an everlasting redemption. But because His priesthood was not to end with His death, at the Last Supper "on the night when He was betrayed," [He wanted] to leave to His beloved Spouse the Church a visible sacrifice (as the nature of man demands) by which the bloody sacrifice which He was to accomplish once for all on the cross would be **re-presented** until the end of the world, and its salutary power be applied to the forgiveness of the sins we daily commit (CCC 1366).

The sacrifice of Christ and the sacrifice of the Eucharist are one single sacrifice. "The Victim is One and the same: the same now offers through the ministry of priests, who then offered himself on the cross; only the manner of offering is different." Since in this divine sacrifice which is celebrated in the Mass, the same Christ Who offered Himself once in a bloody manner on the altar of the cross is contained and offered in an un-bloody mannerthis sacrifice is truly propitiatory. (CCC 1368). To be continued next week.



Take a journey back in time and and remember your First Holy Communion day? What was your experience like when the priest held up the white consecrated Host and said to you, "Body of Christ" and you responded "Amen." Did you believe that Jesus Christ was truly present

for you in the Sacred Host? You may have pictures of your First Communion lovingly kept in an album, a picture hanging on a wall or in a picture frame sitting on a table. You may have received gifts such as a set of Rosary beads or a First Communion book with pictures of the Mass and responses. Your family and friends may have gathered at home and enjoyed a meal or taken you to a restaurant. Whatever you remember, this was a celebration of receiving the Sacrament that gives life to our souls until Christ returns.

Some of you may have knelt before the altar rail as the priest moved slowly down one end of the altar rail to offer Jesus while saying to you, "Corpus Christi" (Body of Christ) before placing the host on your tongue. The priest was followed by an altar server who held a paten under your chin in case the precious Jesus did not reach your tongue and slipped onto the paten. The movement of the faithful during Communion was slow, reverent and respectful for Who they were receiving. You may have experienced several minutes of silence following Communion to allow you to be with Christ intimately.

As many years passed some of you may have processed forward to the altar as the priest came out of the sanctuary to offer Holy Communion. You may have extended your hands one over the other reverently to form an altar to receive Jesus. You then placed the Host into your mouth, blessed yourself and returned to be with your family. This was a time to commune with Jesus intimately as the Communion hymns were sung.

You may not have heard the word Eucharist fifty years ago and it means "Thanksgiving." The Sacred Liturgy we know as the Mass is our means of public worship and unites us with Jesus on the Cross as God the Father and the Holy Spirit are working together with Christ to re-present His sacrificial offering for the forgiveness of our sins. The gift of sanctifying grace is poured out upon us - an everlasting gift to perfect our lives in holiness and draw us closer to God the Father through Christ. Just think, your First Communion day was your first encounter with the living Christ. Let your encounter go on and let Him who reigns over us transform your heart so that it beats in harmony with His.