



MATTHEW
13:45 and 46

AGAIN, the
kingdom of heaven
is like a merchant seeking
BEAUTIFUL PEARLS,
WHO, when he had found
one pearl of great price,
went and sold all that he had, *& bought it.*



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

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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 by appointment only due to Pandemic.

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!

This is OUR CHURCH

When you support the **Catholic Appeal** you support us.



We want to thank everyone from St. Mary's who has so far participated in the 2020 Catholic Appeal.

To date our parish has raised \$76,193 from 33% of St. Mary's active households, reaching 87% of our parish goal of \$87,486.

2020 CATHOLIC APPEAL ~ Living Our Faith Together

Your contributions support the many ministries of our Archdiocese and will improve the lives of so many vulnerable persons. The Appeal is to our Archdiocese what the weekly offertory is to our parish. If you have not yet made your gift, please consider making a pledge. Online pledges may be made at www.BostonCatholicAppeal.org. Please be sure to indicate St. Mary's, Holliston as your parish so that your gift is applied to our parish goal. Thank you for doing your part – large or small according to your means – to support the good works of our Church. God bless 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

LAST WEEKEND'S OFFERTORY: \$16,221.71
 Automatic Giving: \$4,611.50; WeShare: \$3,658.21;
 Offertory Envelopes Mailed / Dropped Off: \$7,952.00

ALTAR SERVER SCHOLARSHIPS:

Ten graduating St. Mary's Senior Altar Servers will receive their scholarships next Saturday, August 1, at the 7:30 PM Mass. We thank them for their faithful service and ask God to guide their steps and watch over them in their futures. Congratulations!

PRAYERS AND MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday	July 25
5:00	Roy Salvi
7:30	Charlie & Rose Dahlgren
Sunday	July 26
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Rita Anne Horgan, 1 st Anv.
11:30	Gerald Roy, 3 rd Anv.
Monday	July 27
9:00	Gerard Cocuzzo
Tuesday	July 28
9:00	Frank Apuzzo
Wednesday	July 29
9:00	Tom Burns
Thursday	July 30
9:00	June Murphy
Friday	July 31
9:00	Special Intention
Saturday	August 1
5:00	Thomas Chipman
7:30	Fran and Agnes Hickey
Sunday	August 2
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Ann Murphy
11:30	Matt Franchitto

WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS: *"Make it a practice to judge persons and things in the most favorable light at all times and under all circumstances."*

- St. Vincent de Paul



RACIAL JUSTICE AND EQUALITY PRAYER SERVICE:

Where: St. Mary's Church, Holliston.

When: Sunday, August 9 at 4:30 PM.

What: Exposition, Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, Deacon Barry Presiding

Why: To ask guidance and grace from Our Eucharistic Lord as we strive toward a future free of racism, injustice and inequality.

“It is of little or no use to raise our voices and run about to find weapons for our protection. What is needed today are peacemakers, not makers of arms; what is needed are peacemakers, and not fomenters of conflict; firefighters and not arsonists; preachers of reconciliation and not instigators of destruction.” – Pope Francis



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THE TIME IS NOW – A CALL FOR CHANGE AND UNITY

A Statement of the Roman Catholic Bishops of Massachusetts Regarding Police Reform Legislation

The sin of racism and struggle for racial justice has been part of our nation's history for centuries. Awareness of both has never been absent, but too often both themes have been marginalized. Periodically, they are brought to the forefront of common discourse, most often triggered by aggressive, violent, or horrific acts perpetrated on members of our African American, Latino, and other minority communities. As a result, serious discussions regarding how society acts and reacts to alter the culture of discrimination, violence, ignorance and indifference often occur and appear to gain momentum. Meaningful debate raises expectations that society will finally emerge from the culture of racism. However, as history has shown, those discussions ultimately fade into the background as time elapses and other seemingly pressing issues make any change less urgent and somehow less important.

That collective mindset and cycle of inaction must end now. The time is upon us as a society to take responsibility for our actions. Racial injustice, bigotry, scorn and intolerance against individuals based upon their religion, ancestry, ethnicity or skin color must end now. Excuses for hate filled behavior can no longer be tolerated. We are all created equal in the eyes of God and all human lives are to be valued and protected. It is upon us to make that human equality the norm - not the exception.

As the four Roman Catholic Bishops of Massachusetts, we pledge our full support to the cultural shift towards meaningful reforms in the area of racial injustice. As a country and a commonwealth of immigrants from all regions of the world, we must join together as one race - the human race. We must learn from our mistakes. We must learn from our passive acceptance of inaction and not let this opportunity fade into the background. Today and every day until reforms are implemented, this must be the pressing issue of the day. We must seize this opportunity with energy, determination and vigor. We must act now – it is our collective responsibility.

Police Reform Legislation

The underlying racial injustice and inequality issues we face are countless. They include, but are not limited to, education, housing, employment, law enforcement, the judiciary and many more. As Bishops, we take this opportunity to specifically voice our support of the efforts of Governor Baker and the legislature as they craft a bill to enact meaningful police reform.

We acknowledge the vast majority of the police officers in the state of Massachusetts are capable and honorable public servants who serve and protect all residents with distinction. We also acknowledge that racial biases have infiltrated the mindsets and actions of some police officers. Those are the individuals targeted by the legislation currently being debated by our lawmakers. That legislation is a step in the direction of meaningful change and is the reason we support our elected officials in their efforts to address these systematic problems.

As Catholic Bishops we do not pretend to know the business of policing. However, recent violent police actions from across the country inform us that methods, tactics, training, attitudes and biases must be addressed to bring about better policing. These fundamental changes must be done with the expertise, input, and cooperation from as many resources as possible - especially those who have experienced racial injustice firsthand.

To that end, we are encouraged that so many individuals and organizations in the minority community are deeply involved in the effort to reform the laws and professional standards inherent in effective policing. The NAACP of Boston, the Black and Latino Legislative Caucus, religious leaders, elected officials in our cities and towns, police unions and countless other individuals and groups have stepped forward to help effectuate change.

The United States of America is a country of hopes, dreams, ideals and ideas. To that end, many specific ideas have emerged as the legislature considers the different proposals. We do not choose to endorse a particular bill as the legislative process unfolds, nor do we dismiss the critical service police officers provide to maintain law and order and public safety throughout the commonwealth.

On the other hand, we strongly support legislation that draws the best ideas from each bill creating a best practice model for meaningful reform. Although there are differences in the qualified immunity debate which must be rectified, not surprisingly a common vision has emerged. It is a vision that embraces a unified, systematic desire to enact legislation that will have permanent ramifications. The specifics will be debated and vetted over the next ten days as we near the conclusion of the legislative session.

The killing of George Floyd at the hands of officers of the Minneapolis police department finally triggered a movement that will not be deterred, will not be silent and will not die. Laws need to be changed across the country. We have been given the opportunity to contribute to that change in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. This will be a defining moment in Massachusetts history.

As we celebrate the life of United States Congressman John Lewis of Georgia and his unyielding commitment to the principal of equality, let us not forget why he lived – to end racism for all Americans.

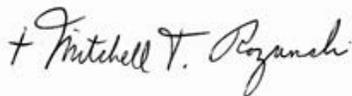
The time has come for all of us to do our part to end racism and unite as one race. That time is now, let us seize this opportunity always remembering more work will remain.



His Eminence Seán P. O'Malley, OFM, Cap.
Archbishop of Boston



Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester



Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski
Bishop of Springfield



Most Reverend Edgar M. da Cunha, SDV
Bishop of Fall River

July 23, 2020

Dear St. Mary's MSYG Rafters,

I regret to inform you that due to the Pandemic, the August 14 Deerfield River Rafting Trip for which you are booked is cancelled.

We had hoped that our own precautions and those enacted by the Rafting Company would allow us to go.

But our parent chaperones unanimously feel that having kids close together in rafts (all from St. Mary's but from different households), was still too great a risk.

I know this is a disappointment, especially on top of so many cancellations. We look forward to the day when we can return to all our great Youth Group activities together.

A refund check will be mailed to you during August.

May God keep you all physically healthy and spiritually safe.



Fr. Mark

EPIC

EPIC ~ HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP: With the Mississippi Mission Trip this summer being cancelled, we have decided to have Virtual "Van" Discussion Groups. Each participant signed up for the mission trip has been placed into "Van" Group with 6-7 participants including a teen leader and chaperone. This last week each participant has been contacted by their teen leader via a group chat. The goal of each group is to build faith and community in this time when in person

EPIC meetings are not safe. The group may choose to chat faith discussion questions, write each other notes, write a prayer to pray for each other, or other ideas as we stay close to our EPIC community during these challenging times.

HOLLISTON PANTRY SHELF CORONAVIRUS UPDATE AS OF JULY 20: Shoppers may now come to the Pantry ANY DAY AND TIME, shoppers no longer have to come on a specific day. Only one shopper is permitted inside the Pantry at a time. Masks are required by shoppers inside Pantry or waiting outside in line. Shoppers must be individual shoppers, they cannot be accompanied by children, spouses, etc. to adhere to the new COVID safety guidelines. If more than two shoppers are waiting, you will be asked to wait inside your car in a valid parking spot. Parking is not permitted on Fruit Street or Charles Street. A volunteer will note your place in the waiting line if you are asked to wait in your car. PLEASE limit your shopping time to 15 minutes for safety and respect for others. Please continue to leave donations in the large grey chest outside the Pantry Shelf door. Please note our new business hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday from 10 AM - 2 PM and Wednesday from 4- 7:30 PM. Current needs include: Paper Towels, Pasta Sauce, Cereal, Tuna Fish (5 Oz. Cans). The Pantry Shelf protects each patron's privacy.

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. 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.



REGISTRATIONS ARE 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!

**PLEASE SEE THE LAST TWO BULLETIN PAGES FOR IMPORTANT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION INFORMATION FOR OUR NEXT SEMESTER.**

GRADE 10 REGISTRATION: Registrations for Year II, Grade 10, of our Confirmation Program require a "COMPLETE" in Year I in order to be fully processed. Any Grade 9 makeup work, including Mass Reflection Sheets, must be received before a final class assignment for Grade 10 can be made.

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 safety rules.

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 greeter availability to Mary Beth Harris at st.marys1870@gmail.com.

**RESEARCH PROJECT WITH FR. CARL ON CATHOLIC FAMILIES WHOSE CHILDREN NO LONGER PRACTICE THE FAITH:**

I am seeking participants in a Catholic research project that is studying young people leaving religion in Catholic families where they have brought up in the faith. The project website is:

xaverianmissionaries.org/catholic.disaffiliation. If you are Catholic parents who raised their children Catholic and whose children no longer practice would you consider being part of this study? Also, do you know young adults (perhaps your children) who were raised

Catholic but no longer practice? If interested contact me: Fr. Carl Chudy at Our Lady of Fatima Shrine, Holliston. cchudy@xaverianmissionaries.org | 862.264.7000.

THE ROSE FOR LIFE: Is sponsored this week by the Miley Family. Please join them in prayer for an unborn child. To sponsor the Rose for Life, call Mary Beth at 508-429-4427, or email st.marys1870@gmail.com.

THE PEARL OF GREAT PRICE: *To the seeker after fine pearls may be applied the words, "Seek and you will find," and, "Everyone who seeks will find." If you ask what is to be sought, and what will be found by everyone who seeks for it, I say with all confidence: pearls - especially that pearl which will be acquired by those who give their all, who sacrifice everything for it, the pearl Paul meant when he said: "I have accepted the loss of everything in order to gain Christ." "Everything" means beautiful pearls; "to gain Christ" refers to the one pearl of great price. - Origen*



Year of the **EUCCHARIST**



"The presence of Jesus in the tabernacle must be a kind of magnetic pole attracting an ever greater number of souls enamored of him, ready to wait patiently to hear his voice and, as it were, to sense the beating of his heart. O taste and see that the Lord is good!" - St. Pope John Paul II

BE A YEAR OF THE EUCCHARIST 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.

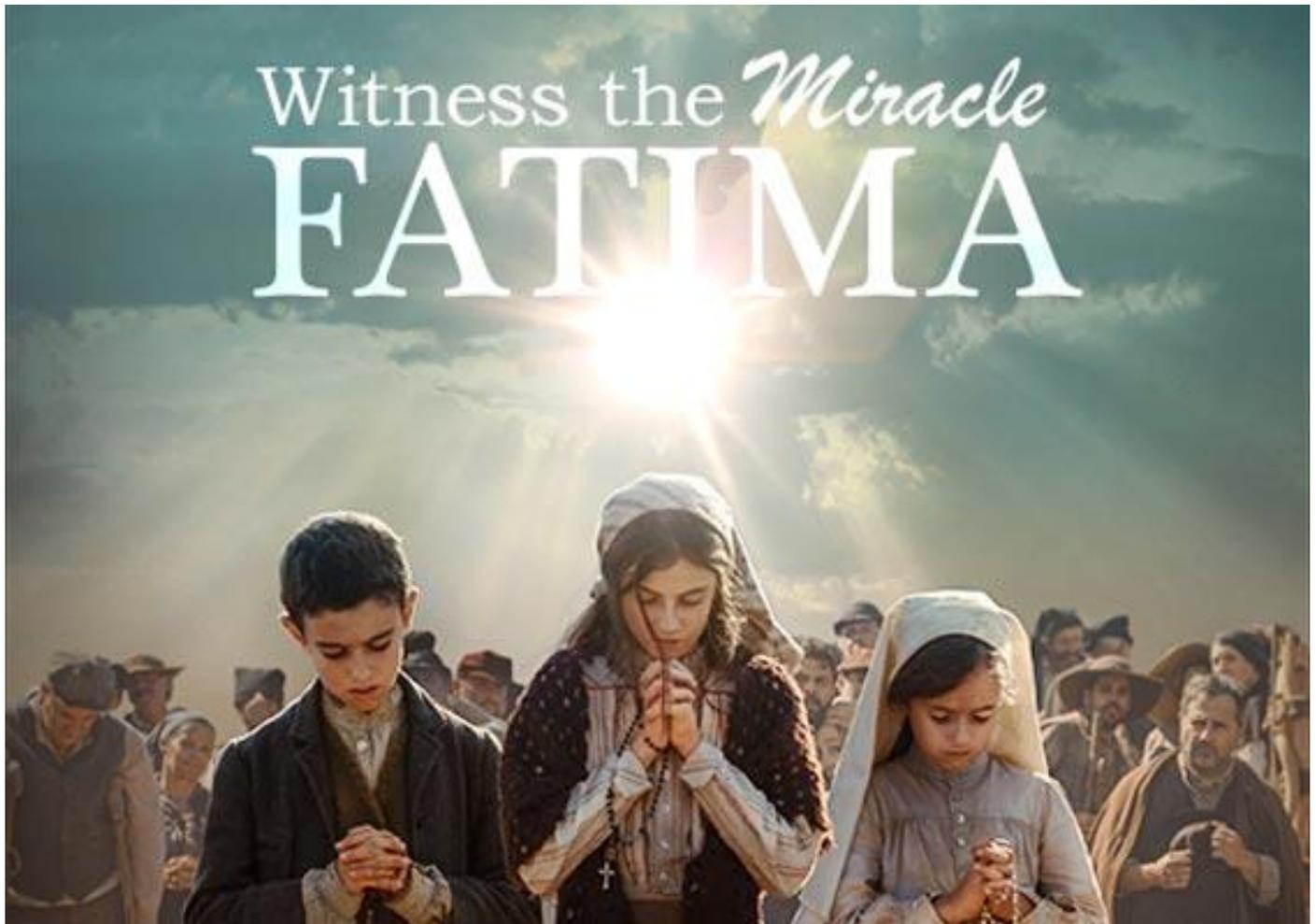
- Consider ways to help homebound missionaries participate, such as picking them up to attend an event and/or have them assist with an administrative task.

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.



The Propagation of the Faith invites you to witness the miracle of Fatima as told through the eyes of Sister Lucia, one of the three Shepherd Children of Fatima!

Starring Sonia Braga as Sister Lucia, this private, pre-screening will be held in the parking lot of Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted Parish, 920 Trapelo Road, Waltham.

Show time is 8:30 p.m. on Sunday August 9th.

Our Master of Ceremonies is Bishop Robert Reed of CatholicTV.

An offering of \$50 per car, as a gift to the missions, helps to continue the lifesaving, faith affirming work of the Propagation of the Faith worldwide!

A pre-sealed Fatima gift box is included for your enjoyment, filled with snacks, movie swag, and World Mission Rosaries!

Hurry! Go to www.propfaithboston.org to reserve your space now!



**The Society for the
Propagation of the Faith**
...a Pontifical Mission Society

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>



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.

IMPORTANT: 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 or both. St. Mary's will have faith formation for your children and youth in September.

At this time we do not have information on how the busing schedules will affect the opening of schools. Many schools are working on ways to deliver students to school and home again safely with social distancing in place. For children who attend classes during the weekday they often walk to St. Mary's Center for their religious education classes. If social distancing is the norm in September then the number of students permitted in a classroom setting will be limited and other options will be in place so that students will be able to attend classes or remotely at home. If necessary class lessons will be recorded ahead for remote learning so that families can work together at home.

VOLUNTEERS: If classes are permitted in the center by September there will be a need for many volunteers. It will be difficult for children to practice social distancing and keep their masks on without another adult in the classroom monitoring the children. Children will be required to have their snack before entering the center. Families will have to ensure that their children are packed for school with an extra snack.

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/>



THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2020: The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred by Bishop Reed on

Saturday, September 26 at **THREE LITURGIES, 10 AM, 11:45 AM, and 1:30 PM.** Because of social distancing requirements, candidates will be assigned which Confirmation they will attend. This will assure an even split between the three celebrations. For this reason, candidates should keep all three Confirmation times free on their calendar. You will receive your Confirmation time, along with full details, in the mail over the next two weeks.

GRADE 2 FIRST COMMUNION MASSES:

Even though Public Masses are permitted now there is a mandate in place allowing only 40% of the normal capacity of church attendees to attend any one scheduled Sunday Mass.

FIRST COMMUNION SIGN-UP: Our August calendar for Masses is available for First Communions below and if a family wants to schedule a Sunday Mass for their child to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion please contact Fran at 508-429-6076 or send an Email to: st.marydre1870@gmail.com

MASSES OPEN FOR FIRST COMMUNION FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

DAY	TIME	No. of Children
Sat., Aug 01	11:00 AM	13 openings
Sun., Aug. 02	9:30 AM	6 openings
	11:30 AM	6 openings
Sat., Aug. 08	11:00 AM	14 openings
Sun., Aug 09	9:30 AM	6 openings
	11:30 AM	6 openings
Sun., Aug. 16	9:30 AM	6 openings
	11:30 AM	6 openings
Sun., Aug. 23	9:30 AM	6 openings
	11:30 AM	6 openings
Sun., Aug. 30	9:30 AM	6 openings
	11:30 AM	4 openings

NOTE: The September calendar will be available in late August for First Communion options.

CORI FORMS FOR 2020-2021: If you are planning on volunteering in any ministry, please call the R.E. office and a CORI form will be sent to you via Email. Scan in your license and complete the CORI form and send it back via Email.

ATTENTION: If you missed the webinar on the guidelines and best practices for faith formation programs this week for religious education programs you can go to: BostonCatholic.org and RCABRisk.org following the webinar. Some initial information is available at: <https://www.bostoncatholic.org/digital-faith-formation>.

**IMPORTANT CORI AND PGC INFORMATION~
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.

NOTICE: Due to the current restrictions and health concerns presented by the pandemic, the office of Risk Management at the Archdiocese has made the following **temporary adjustments** to their adult child protection training requirements. All employees and all volunteers who may have contact with children **are** required to complete Protecting God's Children training. However, due to our current inability to gather together for live trainings, volunteers can currently meet this requirement through participation in two online trainings: VIRTUS online PGC training and Massachusetts online Mandated Reporter training.

To complete the online PGC training, volunteers should go to www.virtusonline.org.

1. Click on "First time registrant"
2. On the next page click on "Begin the registration process"
3. Select "Boston" from the drop down list of dioceses
4. Complete the registration process.

Once registration is complete you will be directed to an [online PGC training through VIRTUS](#). Upon completion of that training, individuals will be directed to a link to an [additional online training on mandated reporting in Massachusetts](#). Both online trainings must be completed to be in compliance with child protection requirements.

The mandated reporter training can be found at: <http://51a.middlesexcac.org/>. Copies of the mandated reported certificates should **be** sent to Michelle Gee at MGee@rcab.org. It is not necessary to submit a copy of the PGC certificate. Anyone with questions can contact Vivian Soper at VSoper@rcab.org or at 617-746-5995. While staff are working from home, email and phone messages are checked at least hourly during normal work hours.

PROJECT NAZARETH PROGRAM:

"Faith Begins at [Home](#)" is an initiative that will deliver weekly resources to families with children in pre-school through 5th grade. These resources will give parents suggestions for how to **Pray, Listen, Act** and **Ponder** with a given topic throughout the course of each week. Guided by Sacred Scripture and the Catechism of the Catholic Church, different series within Project Nazareth will explore the fundamental Gospel message, the Sunday Mass readings and other special topics such as the Year of the Eucharist.

This is not just another lesson to be completed by children at home, but a way to weave their faith formation into the fabric of family life.

The Archdiocese of Boston has developed a program for the lower religious education grades 1 through 5 that will engage families to work together at home to guide and share our faith as a family. This program is an option for religious education programs and we would like to have families take the time to view the webinar that will be offered next Wednesday. The time is listed below.

- **Project Nazareth: Curriculum - Content Map Introduction and Review**
- **On Wednesday, July 29, 2020 at 1:00pm**

This webinar is specifically focused on Project Nazareth <https://www.bostoncatholic.org/project-nazareth>. The resource is offered to parishes seeking guidance in the Fall and allows families to work together at home.

- **Link to register and join [here](#).**
- The webinar ID is 675-047-523
- The call-in number is 1-877-309-2074 and the attendee audio access code is 430-575-515.

If you experience any issues accessing the link please email Patrick Krisak at Patrick_Krisak@rcab.org. These sessions are part of a recurring series. We look forward to your participation and feedback.

St. Mary's Parish will continue to use the Sadlier series at this time and incorporate any new material such as Project Nazareth into various Grade levels.

If you do have the chance to view the program we would like to know your comments. Just send an Email to st.marysdre1870@gmail.com.