



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: (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 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 \$77,743 from 33% of St. Mary's active households, reaching 88% 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

BULLETIN COVER ART: 6th Century Mosaic of the Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes in the Byzantine Church at Tabgha in Galilee.

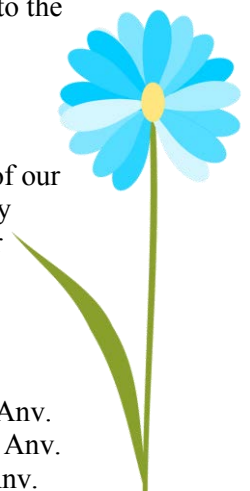
LAST WEEKEND'S OFFERTORY: \$15,467.58
 Automatic Giving: \$1,550.00; WeShare: \$4,763.58;
 Offertory Envelopes Mailed / Dropped Off: \$9,154.00

WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS: *"Act as if everyday were the last of your life, and each action the last you perform"*

- St. Alphonsus Ligouri

PRAYERS AND MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday	August 1
5:00	Thomas Chipman
7:30	Fran and Agnes Hickey
Sunday	August 2
7:30	Louis and Treva Paltrineri
9:30	Ann Murphy
11:30	Matt Franchitto
Monday	August 3
9:00	Holy Souls
Tuesday	August 4
9:00	Msgr. Francis J. McCann
Wednesday	August 5
9:00	Mass of Thanksgiving to the Blessed Mother
Thursday	August 6
9:00	Amelia Bordieri
Friday	August 7
9:00	Fr. Issa & the People of our Sister Parish, Our Lady of Fatima, Beit Sahour
Saturday	August 8
5:00	Dominick Zottola
7:30	People of St. Mary's
Sunday	August 9
7:30	Marcia Seymour, 10 th Anv.
9:30	Richard P. Chase, 27 th Anv.
11:30	Linda Dracoules, 5 th Anv.





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.

“In our own generation, as never before, there is need to demonstrate that Christianity is capable of bringing mankind into a truly universal society based not on fear and compulsion but on mutual love. To manifest the unitive power of Christian charity we must make faithful use of the means of unity which Christ has provided for His church. Among these the Eucharist holds a place of honor as the supreme source and symbol of Catholic unity.”

- Rev. John LaFarge S.J.



From the Pastor's Desk

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

It is the only one of Jesus' miracles recorded in all four Gospels – which alone tells us that His feeding of the five thousand is important. This miracle speaks to us of Jesus' power as the Son of God. It speaks to us of His compassion – willing to teach and then feed the crowds, even though He had tried to get away by Himself to grieve following the martyrdom of His cousin John the Baptist.

The miracle of the feeding of the five thousand speaks to us also of our duty to imitate Jesus by feeding the hungry, no matter how little we ourselves may have. That is perhaps the most striking aspect of the miracle – how little they had to start with, just five loaves and a few fishes. And yet when that humble bit of food was brought to Jesus and blessed by Him, it became enough to feed a vast multitude.

Are you today feeling inadequate, like what you have is not enough to accomplish the challenges you are facing? Then bring what you do have to the Lord. Offer to Him generously and prayerfully your skills and weaknesses as parents, your strengths and fears, your children and their futures, your careers, your studies, your friendships. Bring what you have to Jesus that He may bless it and by His grace make it enough for the task at hand - even perhaps, with some leftover.

In His Service and Yours,

Rev. Mark J. Coiro

ANNIVERSARY GALA RESCHEDULED:

Due to the Pandemic, the St. Mary's Gala originally planned for this coming November has been postponed. The new date is Saturday, November 13, 2021. It will still be held in the Regency Ballroom, DoubleTree Inn, Milford.

NEW TENTATIVE DATE FOR CARDINAL O'MALLEY'S 150th ANNIVERSARY MASS AT ST. MARY'S: Sunday, May 16, 2021 at 11:30 AM.



ANNIVERSARY VIDEO UPDATE:

We managed to have the first two videos shown in the Religious Ed Center lobby before the building was closed by the pandemic. The third and fourth videos in the series (Parish Buildings and Parish Life) are in production. Plans are being made to upload the entire series to the Parish website.

PARISH ANNIVERSARY HISTORY BOOK UPDATE: Fr. Mark and the Anniversary Committee have made the difficult decision to postpone the publication of the Anniversary History Book to next year. While I am still researching and writing, we did not want the book to end with all the wonderful celebratory activities we planned that had to be cancelled. The anniversary events are being rescheduled for next year and we wanted the book to include those activities. Our official founding date is Nov. 29, 1870. Watch the Nov. 29th Bulletin for a book excerpt on the life of our founding Pastor, Fr. Quinlan. Since the book is postponed, there is plenty of time for you to send me any stories/photos you have not yet had a chance to gather. Please forward to betty.febo@gmail.com or call 508-429-7190. Thank you. Betty Febo

Year of the EUCCHARIST



“Receiving the Eucharist means entering into a profound communion with Jesus. “Abide in me, and I in you” (Jn15:4). This relationship of profound and mutual “abiding” enables us to have a certain foretaste of heaven on earth. Is this not the greatest of human yearnings?”
- St. Pope John Paul II

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.



EPIC ~ HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP: This weekend was supposed to mark the return of our EPIC teens and adult leaders from their weeklong Mission Trip in Mississippi. Although there was no Mission Trip this summer, we invite each of our members to find a way this week to do something small in service of others, even if it is an extra chore around the house.

“Wash the dishes not because it is dirty nor because you are told to wash it, but because you love the person who will use it next.”

- St. Theresa of Cacutta

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP: Deerfield Rafting refunds will be mailed in the month of August. We pray and look forward to the post-Pandemic reality when we can gather for adventures in faith again!



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.

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.

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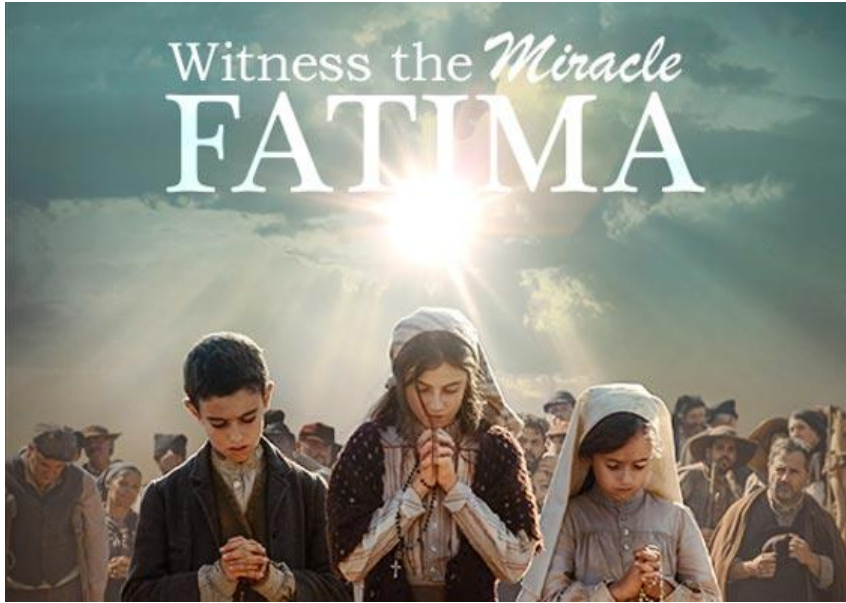
RESEARCH PROJECT WITH FR. CARL ON CATHOLIC FAMILIES WHOSE CHILDREN NO LONGER PRACTICE THE FAITH:

I am seeking participants in a Catholic research project that is studying young people leaving religion in Catholic families where they have been 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 Peter and Maureen Eagan. 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.

VOLUNTEER TO BE A GREETER: St. Mary's is required to have greeters to count and guide Mass-goers during the Pandemic. We are still short of volunteers for this essential safety ministry. Please help us keep our doors open by volunteering to greet at them! Volunteer by emailing Mary Beth Harris at st.marys1870@gmail.com.



The Society for the Propagation of the Faith cordially invites you to enter to attend the contact-free, drive-in premiere screening of Fatima, the movie, and take a chance (or 2!) to win an all-inclusive pilgrimage for two to Fatima and Lourdes in 2021 to benefit the missions!

FATIMA (THE MOVIE):

Witness the miracle of Fatima as told through the eyes of Sister Lucia, one of the three Shepherd Children of Fatima! The Society for the Propagation of the Faith will host this

private screening, starring Sonia Braga as Sister Lucia, in the parking lot of Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted Parish, 920 Trapelo Road, Waltham.

Bishop Robert Reed of CatholicTV will be our Master of Ceremonies for the evening. Cardinal Seán O'Malley, OFM Cap, will greet attendees by video before the movie.

Show time is 8:30 p.m. on Sunday August 9th. Arrival begins at 7 p.m. 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.

Go to www.propfaithboston.org to reserve your space for the movie now!

FATIMA AND LOURDES PILGRIMAGE RAFFLE:



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

We are also pleased and grateful to announce a raffle to benefit to the Missions! With special thanks to the generosity of Marian Pilgrimages, we are offering a chance to win an all-inclusive pilgrimage for two to Fatima and Lourdes in 2021.

Tickets are \$100 each - only 250 tickets will be sold for this prize package worth over \$6,200!

The trip is a 10-day, 9-night visit to two of our faith's holiest sites! All meals are included, as well as airfare, accommodations, tour guides - even driver tips! The lucky winner will be announced by Bishop Robert Reed of CatholicTV at the benefit screening of Fatima, the Movie.

Attendance at the movie is not necessary to win!

[Click here](#) for raffle tickets and complete information about the pilgrimage!

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.

UPDATE ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:
On Tuesday, July 28, our office was informed by the Holliston Public School that the public schools must submit their three plans for the opening of schools by August 1. On August 10 the schools will vote on what plan will be best suited for all the students, teachers and staff during the pandemic.

The bus schedules may change due to the number of students that will be allowed to be transported to the schools during this crisis. The teachers union is negotiating a two week delay in school openings to better prepare for the model that will be implemented by August 10.

The Religious Education Office will be sending out a survey to all the families to address three possible models of faith formation for their children's ongoing faith formation. The Archdiocese is asking that religious education programs begin in October to allow families and their children to adjust to the new public school model requiring social distance and masks. Once you receive the survey kindly respond as soon as possible to allow time for us to prepare the best program that will serve all of St. Mary's families during these times.

VOLUNTEERS: If classes are permitted in the center in the Fall 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.**



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.

FIRST COMMUNION MASS SIGN-UP: Please remember that only 40% of the normal capacity of church attendees are permitted at scheduled public Masses. Our August Mass schedule is below. If a family wants to schedule a Sunday Mass for their child's First 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. 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.

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/>

A ZOOM MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 3 WITH GRADES K - 7 COORDINATORS AT 7:00 PM.

An agenda will be discussed on the best practices for faith formation for St. Mary's children in the Fall with consideration for their safety and the safety for everyone during this time of pandemic. We thank Melissa Cataldo for hosting the Zoom meeting.

CATHOLIC ANSWERS TO CHALLENGING QUESTIONS

How often have you been challenged with a question about your Catholic Faith? We know our founder is Jesus Christ Whose authority was given to the Apostles and Whose authority is the Word of God. We believe that the Word of God made Flesh is Truth and we strive each day to live our faith in accordance with God's will by cooperating with His generous grace.

There may be times when we are challenged about what we believe by others and may find ourselves unable to answer basic questions about our beliefs and practices. We may feel embarrassed and wonder why we are unable to defend our faith as Catholics. There is no reason for any of us to doubt our faith when challenged but to take this experience as an opportunity to seek the truth through prayer, the study of Sacred Scripture and by participating in faith formation courses that will help us to better understand what we believe. Our goal is to form a relationship with Jesus Christ and be His missionaries spreading the Gospel.

Jesus said His Church would be "the light of the world". In the Gospel of Matthew (Matt. 5:14) Jesus said that "a city set on a mountain cannot be hidden." His Church has visible characteristics that clearly identify and distinguish it from other established churches. Among the Christian churches only the Catholic Church has existed since the time of Christ. Other Christian churches such as the Eastern Orthodox churches broke away from unity and communion with the Catholic Church in 1054 AD.

The Catholic Church today is the largest church in the world with over a billion believers and this gives testimony to Christ's teachings with the ongoing protection of the Holy Spirit Who continues to guide the Church through good and turbulent times.

We know the Four Marks of the Church. When we pray the *Apostles Creed* we recite these four Marks, "I believe in one, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church ..." The Church is known as One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic and She is the Bride of Christ (Eph.5:23-32). Christ has one Spouse and it is the Catholic Church.

There is one set of doctrines (truths) the Church teaches and these must be identical to the doctrines taught by the Apostles who received them from Jesus Christ. This provides unity within the Church throughout the world. To be continued next week.

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.

- Click on "First time registrant"
- On the next page click on "Begin the registration process"
- Select "Boston" from the drop down list of dioceses
- 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.middlesexac.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.



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.