



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!



RACIAL JUSTICE AND EQUALITY PRAYER SERVICE

Where: St. Mary's Church, Holliston.

When: **Today**, 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.

“The problem is not that we have doubts and fears. The problem is when they condition our way of thinking and acting to the point of making us intolerant, closed and perhaps even — without realizing it — racist. In this way, fear deprives us of the desire and the ability to encounter the other, the person different from myself; it deprives me of an opportunity to encounter the Lord.”

- Pope Francis

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 \$81,498 from 34% of St. Mary's active households, reaching 93% 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: \$15,945.51
 Automatic Giving: \$6,345.00; WeShare: \$3,610.51;
 Offertory Envelopes Mailed / Dropped Off: \$5,990.00



NEWSLETTER COLLATING PANDEMIC STYLE: Just stop in after the 9 AM Mass any weekday this coming week, or call 429-6076 to be let in at other times (9-5 PM only). Tables will

be widely scattered in Fr. Haley Hall and disinfected every morning. Thank you for helping out!

PRAYERS AND MASS INTENTIONS:

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| 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 | Dianne Gootman |
| Monday | August 10 |
| 9:00 | Mary Verdy |
| Tuesday | August 11 |
| 9:00 | Rev. Thomas C. Foley |
| Wednesday | August 12 |
| 9:00 | Gabriel Parmese, 5 th Anv. |
| Thursday | August 13 |
| 9:00 | Holy Souls |
| Friday | August 14 |
| 9:00 | Santa Patti, 35 th Anv. |
| Saturday | August 15 |
| 5:00 | Teresita de Guzman, 8 th Anv. |
| 7:30 | People of St. Mary's |
| Sunday | August 16 |
| 7:30 | Peter Duclos |
| 9:30 | Phyllis Weidig |
| 11:30 | Patrick McDonald |

WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS: *"Occupy your minds with good thoughts, or the enemy will fill them with bad ones. Unoccupied, they cannot be."* - St. Thomas More



From the Pastor's Desk

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

This week we join the world in mourning the victims of the Beirut Harbor explosion in Lebanon. We ask God to gather the 150 and more killed to Himself. We ask His healing grace upon the many thousands injured. And we ask Him to console those who have so suddenly and tragically lost loved ones. During this past week many of you were kind enough to pray for Joseph Akiki, a cousin of our Sacristan Najat Whalen. A 23 year old college student, Joe was working at the harbor to make money for school when the explosion occurred and was among the missing. I regret to tell you that Joe's body was found under the rubble this past Thursday. May he rest in peace. (Photo Left).

Last Sunday we saw Jesus Himself in mourning following the death of His cousin John. You'll remember that Jesus went off to a deserted place to pray and grieve, but that vast crowds followed them. In an act of great compassion, Jesus set aside His own needs and healed and fed the crowds. But this Sunday, Jesus has had enough. We see His very human need for solitude in His grief as He sends both the crowds and the disciples away from Him. This moment reminds us that Jesus was truly human, and felt everything that we feel – including the pain of losing a loved one. That is a great comfort to us, knowing that the Lord really does understand our trials from the inside out.

This Gospel also reveals the divinity of Jesus, as He hurries across the waters to assist His disciples who are in a boat being tossed about by strong winds and waves. Just so, we know that the Lord is always there for us in our needs. When like Peter we are sinking beneath waves of doubt, we know that the Lord will answer that most desperate plea, *"Lord, save me!"* In one way or another, the hand of Jesus will appear when we need it most, pulling us from peril and upholding our weakness with divine love.

God bless you.

Rev. Mark J. Coiro

WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS: *"When Peter counted on the Lord's help it enabled him to walk on the water; when human frailty made him falter, he turned once more to the Lord."* - St. Augustine

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!





Year of the **EUCCHARIST**

“I have great expectations of you, young people.... Bring to your encounter with Jesus, hidden in the Eucharist, all the enthusiasm of your age, all your hopes, all your desire to love.”

- 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.



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. (Cardinal O’Malley’s Coat of Arms Shown Left).

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.



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.

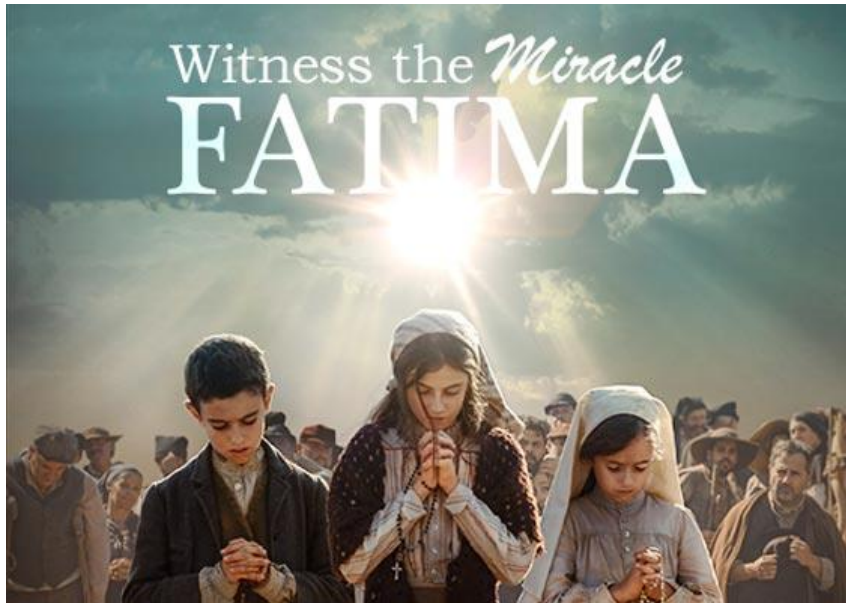
THE ROSE FOR LIFE: Is sponsored this week by the Daily Mass Community. Please join them in prayer for an unborn child. To sponsor the Rose for Life, call Mary Beth at 508-429-4427, or email st.marys1870@gmail.com.

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.

WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS: *“Think, then, of this world as a sea, whipped up to tempestuous heights by violent winds. A person’s own private tempest will be his or her unruly desires. If you love God you will have power to walk upon the waters, and all the world’s swell and turmoil will remain beneath your feet. But if you love the world it will surely engulf you, for it always devours its lovers, never sustains them.*

If you feel your foot slipping beneath you, if you become a prey to doubt or realize that you are losing control, if, in a word, you begin to sink, say: “Lord, I am drowning, save me!” Only he who for your sake died in your fallen nature can save you from the death inherent in that fallen nature.” - St. Augustine





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 PM **TONIGHT**, Sunday, August 9. Arrival begins at 7 PM. 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:

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!



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>



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:
A survey has been sent out to all families who have children in our religious education program. The survey outlines possible models the program will offer in the Fall. On Monday evening, August 3, 2020, the Holliston Public School Committee met to discuss opening the schools and the model that may be taken to provide the safety and protection of the children, teachers and staff during the pandemic.

Regardless of the Model for Religious Education for 2020-2021 we will need all registrations in by the end of August to plan for the number of children who will be enrolled in the program.



SURVEY RESPONSES DUE BY: FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, 2020.

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
The September Calendar will be available soon.

DAY	TIME	No. of Children
Sun., Aug. 16	9:30 AM	6 openings
	11:30 AM	5 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

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/>

FEAST OF ST. LAWRENCE, DEACON AND MARTYR
Monday, August 10

Lawrence was chief among the seven deacons who served the Roman Church during the mid-third century under Pope Sixtus II (257-258). He held a position of great trust, caring for the goods of the Church and distributing its alms among the poor. He was arrested under the Emperor Valerian in 258. Not much is known about his death, but he rejoiced in his awful martyrdom and died praying for the conversion of the city of Rome, in the hope that from it the faith of Christ might spread throughout the world.

CATHOLIC ANSWERS TO CHALLENGING QUESTIONS

THE FOUR MARKS OF THE CHURCH:

If we want to know the true Church founded by Jesus Christ, we need to know the four chief qualities or marks that distinguish Her from other Christian denominations. The Church we seek must be One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic.

The Church as One: As mentioned last week, Jesus Christ is the founder of the Catholic Church which teaches one set of doctrines which must be identical to the doctrines taught by the Apostles who received them from Christ Himself. The Pope and the bishops unite together to preserve and protect the authentic teachings of Jesus Christ which have been handed down through the centuries.

The Church is Holy: By His grace, Jesus makes His Church Holy. This does not mean each member is always holy. As the Body of Christ we strive to be holy and live according to the will of God. Jesus has told us that there will be good and bad members in His Church (John 6:70), and that not all the members will go to heaven (Matt. 25:31-46). But the Church Herself is Holy because it is the source of holiness and the guardian of the special means of grace Jesus established, the Sacraments.

The Church is Catholic: Jesus' Church is called Catholic ("universal" in Greek) because it is His gift to all people throughout the world. Jesus commanded and commissioned His Apostles to go out into the world and make disciples of "all nations" (Matt: 28:19-20). For over 2,000 years the Catholic Church has carried out this mission preaching the Good News that Jesus Christ died for all men and that He wants all of us to be members of His universal family (Gal. 3:28). Today the Catholic Church is found in every country of the world and is still sending forth missionaries. The Catholic Church was known under this common title since 107 AD. This title was old even in the time St. Ignatius lived.

The Church is Apostolic: Jesus appointed His Apostles to be the first leaders to guide His Church. Their successors would be the Church's future leaders. The Apostles were the first bishops, and since the first century, there has been an unbroken line of Catholic bishops faithfully handing down what the Apostles taught. More on this 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.

