



*“Which of the
two sons
did his
father’s will?”*

MT 21:31



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

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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!



Saint Mary's Parish

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

September 27, 2020
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

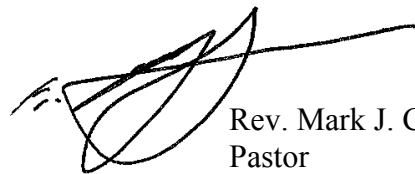
Dear Members of the St. Mary's Parish Family,

This weekend we congratulate fifty-eight young people and one adult of our parish who yesterday received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Through this sacrament God has poured out His Holy Spirit upon them, empowering them with many gifts. By choosing to be Confirmed, the young people have now made a commitment to God – to live and love and worship as active members of His Holy Catholic Church. We all know Catholics who are Confirmed but who do not practice their faith. They said “yes,” to God in Confirmation, but then did not carry out His will. We pray that our young people will be true to their word and the commitment they have now made. For by being faithful to God, they will be faithful to themselves - healthier, happier and more of a blessing to others than they could ever be without Him.

As Bishop Reed prayed when he confirmed our young people this weekend: *“All powerful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by water and the Holy Spirit you freed your sons and daughters from sin and gave them new life. Send your Holy Spirit upon them to be their helper and guide. Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgment and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence. Fill them with the spirit of wonder and awe in your presence. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.”* Then the bishop, making the sign of the cross with Holy Chrism upon their forehead, said, *“Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.”*

Once Confirmed, the Gifts of the Holy Spirit are ever present and accessible to us by prayer. Consider which gift you feel the greatest need for at this moment of your journey home to God. Then by prayer ask God to breathe upon the embers of that gift already glowing within your soul, that it might burst into new flame and power in your life.

God bless you!



Rev. Mark J. Coiro
Pastor

**More Monitors and Group Leaders needed
for Grade 8, 9 & 10 Religious Education
Classes starting this week.
Please volunteer!**

Monitors

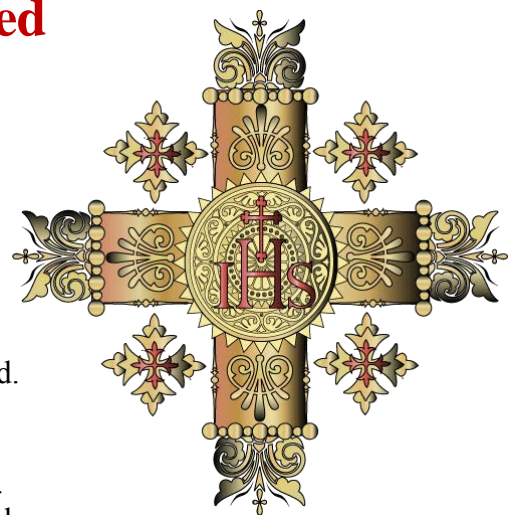
8th Grade Monday: 6:00 - 7:00 PM roughly every 3 weeks - 1 needed.

10th Grade Tuesday: 6:30 - 8:30 PM roughly every other week - 1 needed.

Group Leaders

9th Grade Tuesday: 6:30 - 8:30 PM roughly every other week - 2 needed.

10th Grade Tuesday: 6:30 - 8:30 PM roughly every other week - 2 needed.





St. Mary's Congratulates These Newly Confirmed Young Men and Women!

Kevin '*Francis*' Annese
Kaitlin '*Anne*' Baker
Leah '*Antoinette Roussel*' Birmingham
Jenna '*Sarah*' Canal
Cara '*Christina*' Chipman
Brendan '*Patrick*' Climer
Hallie '*Charbel*' Cole
Kate '*Brigid*' Connoni
Christopher '*Michael*' Cordani
Nicholas '*John Paul II*' Cotting
Tyler '*Thomas*' Cotto
Danielle '*Maria Goretti*' Cummings
Bridget '*Francis*' Daigneault
Christopher '*Maurice*' Delponte
Carissa '*Margaret*' Denehy
Kayla '*Theresa*' Ducrepin
Kathleen '*Bridget*' Fitzgerald
Madelyn '*Katherine Drexel*' Fitzpatrick
Isabella '*Anne*' Flores
Audrey '*Brigid*' Gabriel
Abigail '*Marie Amandine*' Glynn
Bridget '*Catherine*' Glynn
Jack '*Ignatious*' Irving
Lauren '*Martha*' Kampersal
Jordyn '*Genevieve*' Kuharich
Sophia '*Perpetua*' Lindsay
Thomas '*Thomas*' Liro
Jack '*John*' Littlejohn
Benjamin '*Malachy*' MacLeod
Patrick '*George*' Mahoney

Aidan '*Patrick*' Malvey
Kendall '*Lawrence*' Marsden
Isabella '*Elizabeth*' Medeiros
Marie '*Therese*' Meisner
Lia '*Genevieve*' Moran
Daniel '*Padre Pio*' Nash
Amaia '*Cecelia*' O'Brien
Ian '*Maximilian Kolbe*' O'Connor
Jillian '*Elizabeth Ann Seton*' Pacheco
Norah '*Elizabeth Ann Seton*' Parmese
Maxwell '*Damien*' Payne
Robert '*Longinus*' Payne
Julian '*Christopher*' Payne
Maeve '*Anne*' Radcliffe
Nicholas '*Francis*' Reffel
Laura '*Mary Magdalene*' Roth
Kevin '*Daniel*' Rutowicz
Emily '*Elizabeth*' Ryan
Brian '*Gregory*' Sahagian
Caroline '*Lydia*' Salley
Jared '*Maximilian Kolbe*' Sangil
Liam '*Paul*' Savage
Abigail '*Peregrine Laziosi*' Schellings
Andrew '*Stephen*' Schiller
Benjamin '*Thomas Aquinas*' Siegel
Kate '*Anne*' Stanwood
Kayla '*Elizabeth*' Tomacelli
Isaac '*Paul*' Trombino-Aponte
Joseph '*Genesius*' Trombly



Prayer for the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit

O Lord Jesus Christ, Who,
before ascending into
heaven, did promise to send
the Holy Spirit to finish
Your work in the souls
of Your Apostles and
Disciples, deign to grant the
same Holy Spirit to me,
that He may perfect in my
soul the work of Your grace
and Your love.

Grant me the Spirit of
Wisdom that I may despise
the perishable things of this
world and aspire only after
the things that are eternal,

the Spirit of Understanding
to enlighten my mind
with the light of Your
divine truth,

the Spirit of Counsel
that I may ever choose the
surest way of pleasing God
and gaining Heaven,

the Spirit of Fortitude
that I may bear my cross
with You, and that I may
overcome with courage
all the obstacles that oppose
my salvation,

the Spirit of Knowledge
that I may know God and
know myself and grow
perfect in the science of the
Saints,

the Spirit of Piety
that I may find the service
of God sweet and amiable,

the Spirit of Fear that I may
be filled with a loving
reverence towards God,
and may dread in any way
to displease Him.

Mark me, dear Lord,
with the sign of Your true
disciples and animate me in
all things with Your Spirit.

Amen.

PARISH STAFF:

Rev. Mark J. Coiro, Pastor
 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
 Mrs. Mary Beth Harris, Parish Secretary
 Mrs. Robin Rogers, Religious Education Secretary
 Ms. Mary Sanning, Business Manager
 Mrs. Najat Whalen, Sacristan
 Mr. Billy Hanson, Parish Facilities
 R & R Landscaping, Cemetery Care

THE ROSE FOR LIFE: Is sponsored this week by the Caron 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.



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

2020 CATHOLIC APPEAL GOAL ACHIEVED!

We want to thank everyone from our parish who contributed to the 2020 Catholic Appeal. Our Parish Goal of \$87,486 has now been reached. Whether you gave \$20 or \$2,000, what matters is that ***you did what you could*** according to your means to support the good works of our Catholic Church. Please know that your parish is proud of you. And may the blessings promised to the compassionate be yours in abundance. Amen.

SECOND COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND:

Clergy Benefit Trust ~ Retired Priests: \$ 2,930.00
 Thank you for your support.

PARISH OFFERTORY LAST WEEKEND:

Mass Collections: \$ 0.00
 Automatic Giving: \$ 2,731.50
 WeShare: \$ 3,427.59

Offertory Envelopes
 dropped off or

mailed to the office: \$ 6,295.00
Total Offertory: \$ 12,454.09

WEEKLY OFFERTORY NEED: \$15,000

Offertory Shortfall Last Weekend:

\$2,545.91

PRAYERS AND MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday	September 26
5:00	Anthony & Lena Mirabile
7:30	Marie O'Callahan & Peg McDevitt
Sunday	September 27
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Ruth W. Rudek, Month's Mind
11:30	John F. "Jack" Gray, 6 th Anv.
Monday	September 28
9:00	Christopher George
Tuesday	September 29
9:00	Joey Larracey
Wednesday	September 30
9:00	Rev. John Picardi
Thursday	October 1
9:00	Tim O'Connell
Friday	October 2
9:00	Eugenia Moraski, 17 th Anv.
Saturday	October 3
5:00	Grace Magrini, 4 th Anv.
7:30	Robert Murphy, 2 nd Anv.
Sunday	October 4
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Dorothy Tierney
11:30	Mass of Thanksgiving, Ron Dowding

PANDEMIC RED ZONE PROCEDURES ~

Church: Because Holliston is now a Covid 19 red zone, all persons entering the church must have their temperature taken. Anything over 100.4 degrees means no entry. Based on early sign ups, we have also reduced the Mass Sign Up limit at the more crowded Masses this weekend. Mask and hand sanitizing requirements remain in effect.

Religious Education: Holliston Public Schools are not changing pandemic plans because the red zone designation is due to cases restricted to one Nursing Home and one Household, both now under strict quarantine. There is no rise in transmission among the general population. Following the Public Schools, St. Mary's Religious Education Classes will therefore take place as scheduled. Religious Education Classes already require masks, sanitizing and temperatures at the door.

MASS GREETERS NEEDED! 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. When Christmas comes, the extra Masses needed to accommodate our people will not have enough greeters unless more volunteers are found. No greeters = no Mass. Please volunteer by emailing Mary Beth Harris at st.marys1870@gmail.com.

NEXT SATURDAY ~ ORDINATION OF PARISHIONER RON DOWDING TO THE PERMANENT DIACONATE!

For the past five years, St. Mary's Parishioner Ron Dowding has been studying and working in the Permanent Diaconate Formation Program of the Archdiocese of Boston. Ron is well known in our parish through his past work leading our RCIA Program, Adult Faith Offerings, and his ministry as a Lector and Eucharistic Minister.

Next Saturday, October 3, at 10 AM, Ron will receive the Sacrament of Holy Orders, being ordained a Permanent Deacon by Cardinal Sean O'Malley at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross. Because of the Pandemic, attendance is very limited and by invitation only. However, all are invited to pray along with the Ordination Mass which will be broadcast live on Catholic TV (FIOS: 296, COMCAST: 268), and webcast at: www.bostoncatholic.org.

Ron's First Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated right here at St. Mary's next Sunday, October 4 at 11:30 AM. As always, you may attend in person or pray at: <https://www.facebook.com/MusicAtStMarysHolliston/>. You may also watch St. Mary's Sunday, 11:30 AM Mass live on Holliston Cable Access: Verizon Fios Ch. 33 or Comcast Xfinity Ch. 96.



SEASON OF CREATION: This is the final week of the Season of Creation; it ends on Sunday, October 4 which is the date of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. This week you may want to take some time out of your busy schedule to reflect on God's presence in your life and in all creation. You can do this by using the Earth Meditation that is available at <http://bit.ly/EarthMeditation>. This meditation is based on Ignatian Spirituality, focusing on the use of one's imagination in prayer; it is sponsored by the Pray As You Go app and can be downloaded.



YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST ROSARY AND

ADORATION: Wednesday, October 7, The Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, from 7-8 PM in St. Mary's Church.

PANTRY SHELF REMINDER: The pantry is fully re-opened to shoppers with extensive new safety measures in place. Shoppers may come to the Pantry during any open hours on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday from 10 AM to 2 PM and Wednesday from 4 to 7:00 PM. Shoppers no longer need to come on a specific day. If you have an illness or emergency you may call the pantry Monday through Friday from 10 AM to 12:00 PM at (508) 429-5392 to receive a pre-filled grocery delivery if available.

Food items needed at the pantry: Clorox Wipes (or any other brand), Paper Towels, Pasta, Cereal, Juice Boxes, Tuna Fish - 5 oz. cans, Campbell Chunky Soups, Progresso Soups, Tomato Soups, Chicken Noodle Soup and kids snacks.

Food Donation Guidelines: Donations are accepted at any time in the large black bin outside our Pantry. We cannot accept any items that are expired or opened. The items we need most are listed above. Here are a few guidelines to keep in mind when collecting food for the Pantry.

Please let us know about any food collections ahead of time. This way, the staff knows what to expect and will be able to answer any questions. Space is very limited, so if you have a large collection of donated food items please email info@hollistonpantryshef.org to coordinate a time for a pick-up or a delivery of donated foods when there is room and appropriate staffing.

CARDINAL SEÁN O'MALLEY STATEMENT ON MASSACHUSETTS ROE ACT LEGISLATION



Our country and our Commonwealth are faced these days with multiple issues that are both empirically complex and profoundly moral in their content and consequences. These issues include the COVID-19 pandemic, racial justice, climate change, poverty and inequality. The Catholic Church, in its teaching and social ministries, is engaged with many other organizations in addressing these questions, and we will continue to do so.

In this statement, however, I wish once again, as I have done in the past year, to raise up for attention a uniquely significant moral question: the issue of abortion. It is uniquely significant because it always involves the right to life, the fundamental human right, which is the foundation of the other spiritual and material rights that comprise the common good of our society. Abortion always terminates a human life.

The right to life of the unborn is deeply threatened by legislation presently being considered in the Massachusetts legislature. The ROE Act is now being debated in the Joint Committee on the Judiciary. Advocates for this bill describe its purpose as protecting the status and legacy of the Roe v. Wade decision of the U.S. Supreme Court in 1973. As a matter of law, Massachusetts already has among the most extreme abortion laws in the country, and if Roe v. Wade were overturned, abortion rights in Massachusetts would be unaffected. Here in Massachusetts, the proponents of the ROE Act describe its objective as increasing access to abortion. Tragically, the bill would do this but in a very extreme manner.

Specifically, the ROE Act would do the following; it would:

- Allow abortion in Massachusetts during all nine months of pregnancy;
- Eliminate any requirement that even late-term abortions be performed in hospitals;
- Eliminate the requirement to make efforts to care for a child who survives an attempted abortion;
- Eliminate any requirement that a pregnant minor (under 18) have any adult consent (parental or through the courts) before undergoing an abortion.

The proposed legislation can reasonably be described as radical in its nature and destructive in its consequences. It is being pressed forward as if it were necessary in a state with some of the most expansive abortion laws in the country. By any rational measure, the specifics of the Act cited above are extreme measures in a state already known as widely pro-choice. I regret that fact, but it is a fact.

For almost 50 years, abortion has divided this nation morally, legally and politically. Again, I regret these divisions, but it is not possible to remain silent as this legislation is being pressed upon this Commonwealth. Opposition to the Act is required on moral grounds, indeed on basic human rights grounds.

Our opposition to the ROE Act is not designed to condemn, shame or single out individuals. The complex conditions which often bring women to undergo an abortion should be acknowledged and recognized. In the face of these situations, the appropriate attitude should be compassion and care. In the Archdiocese, we attempt to offer both through Pregnancy Health and the Project Rachel program. Our deepest concern is to provide help and support to women.

The Church must oppose the ROE Act, and I invite others to consider why we do so. We will publicize our objections in the parishes of the Archdiocese, seeking the support of members of our community. We will continue to explain our views to legislators and urge citizens to express their opposition to their representatives and senators. We will dialogue with our neighbors who may differ with the Church's position and will do so with care and civility. In the end, we are simply committed to protecting human life in its most vulnerable condition.



LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD – AGAIN “SAY NO TO ROE”

The state legislature has extended the session until January 5th, 2021. Please remind the members of the Joint Committee on Judiciary that you oppose the expansion of abortion in Massachusetts. Please call the Committee at 617-722-2396 and let them know you are opposed to H3320 and S1209 – the ROE legislation. Every telephone call helps!

Remember these bills would remove:

The requirement that young girls obtain consent before an abortion
The requirement that efforts be made to save a living baby who survives abortion
The requirement that late term abortions be performed in hospitals
And the bills would allow abortion on demand for all nine months of pregnancy.

For more information about how the ROE legislation would expand abortion in Massachusetts visit www.macatholic.org Thank you!

REFLECTION ON TODAY’S GOSPEL:

Two sons were asked to work in the vineyard of their father. One said he would do so, but he didn’t. The other said he wouldn’t, but he did. It was this second son who did what the father wanted.

God, our Father, invites us all to work in the vineyard, preparing the world for the coming of the kingdom. Some of us talk about the work that needs to be done, calling attention to the social ills that divide us: the poverty and hunger, the discrimination and oppression, the militarism and war.



Others of us do something about these problems: challenging the systems that produce poverty and hunger, struggling to overcome discrimination and oppression, agitating for peace and an end to militarism.

The challenge of Jesus Christ is to look to others’ interests rather than only to one’s own. It is to look beyond one’s small world, which may be filled with satisfaction and fulfillment, to look out into that world where people suffer and die. And it is to go beyond talk and become involved in action for the transformation of the world.

Two sons were asked to work in the vineyard of their father. One of them did what the father wanted.

“It is not enough to recall principles, to state intentions, to point to crying injustices and utter prophetic denunciations; these words will lack real weight unless they are accompanied for each individual by a livelier awareness of personal responsibility and by effective action.” Pope Paul VI, Octagesimo Adveniens, 1971: 48

- By Professor Gerald Darring

WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS: *Hope has two beautiful daughters; their names are anger and courage. Anger at the way things are, and courage to see that they do not remain as they are.”*

- St. Augustine

“...In this world I cannot see the Most High Son of God with my own eyes, except for His Most Holy Body and Blood..”

- St. Francis of Assisi



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.



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.



Religious Education

NOTICE FOR GRADES 1, 2, 3 4, 5, 6 AND 7: A REMOTE MODEL WILL BE IN PLACE UNTIL JANUARY 2021. A HYBRID MODEL WILL BE CONSIDERED IN JANUARY IF COVID-19 IS NOT A THREAT TO THE COMMUNITY.

GRADE-K will meet in-person once a month for seven sessions. Please know that no family will be mandated to send their child to a live class if they at any time feel that it is unsafe for their child to attend.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION START DATES

DAY	GRADE	MODEL
Tues., Sept. 29	GR-10 at 6:30 PM	Live in person
Thur., Oct. 1	GR-10 at 6:30 PM	Live in person
Sun., Oct. 4	GR-2 Family paced	Remote-program
Sun., Oct. 4	GR-3 Family paced	Remote-program
Sun., Oct. 4	GR-10 at 4:30 PM	Remote program
	GR-9 at 6:30 PM	Remote program
Mon., Oct. 5	GR-3 Family paced	Remote program
	GR-5 Family paced	Remote program
	GR-6 Family paced	Remote program
	GR-8 at 6:00 PM	Live in person
Tues., Oct. 6.	GR-5 Family paced	Remote program
	GR-6 Family paced	Remote program
	GR-9 at 6:30 PM	Live in person
Wed., Oct. 7	GR-2 Family paced	Remote program
	GR-3 Family paced	Remote program
	GR-4 Family paced	Remote program
	GR-8 at 6:00 PM	Live in person
Thur., Oct. 8	GR-9 at 6:30 PM	Live in person
Sun, Oct 18	GR-K at 9:15 AM	Live in person
	GR-1 Family paced	Remote program

FIRST COMMUNION MASS SIGN-UP: Please remember that only 40% of the normal capacity of church attendees are permitted at scheduled public Masses during this time. Our October Mass schedule is below. Please contact Fran at: st.marydre1870@gmail.com or 508-429-6076 if you want to schedule your child's First Communion Mass.

MASSES OPEN FOR FIRST COMMUNION FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

DAY	TIME	No. of Children
Sun., Oct. 04	9:30 AM	6 openings
Sun., Oct. 11	11:30 AM	5 openings
Sun., Oct. 18	11:30 AM	6 openings
Sun., Oct. 25	11:30 AM	6 openings

IN-PERSON CLASS REQUIREMENTS

The Archdiocese of Boston has provided us with clear Faith Formation Guidelines to follow for this year. They are subject to change and will more than likely do so over the weeks and months.

1. No large groups will be allowed to meet for any event until further notice.
3. Children age 5 and above must wear a face mask at all times.
4. Physical distancing must be observed at all times.
5. Hand hygiene: children, volunteers and staff must hand sanitize when entering the premises and when taking off and putting on their mask.
6. Screening: Children, volunteers, staff must be screened before entering the building with a non-touch thermal scanner.
7. Food will not be allowed or sharing of pencils and supplies.
8. Parents must keep their children at home if they are sick and have their children do their lesson remotely.

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/>

HOLLISTON NEWCOMERS AND NEIGHBORS:

Due to the pandemic HNN will be providing Thanksgiving meals to be distributed by the Senior Center. **Gift cards will replace baskets.** To support these efforts, we are asking for monetary donations. Visit the HNN donations webpage <http://www.hollistonnewcomers.org/donations> and select Thanksgiving Baskets or you can mail your donation, with a check made out to Holliston Newcomers & Neighbors to: Katrine Giroux 147 Mohawk Path, Holliston and a note that it is for Thanksgiving.

CATHOLIC ANSWERS TO CHALLENGING QUESTION

THE DIVINITY OF JESUS CHRIST

In the Nicene Creed we profess that "We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, True God from True God, begotten not made, one in Being with the Father."

Who was Jesus of Nazareth? Whether or not Jesus is divine (Jesus is born Incarnate) is essential to our Christianity. One cannot be Catholic and deny the divinity of Christ. Consider the following:

- ❖ The divinity of Christ is the most definitive Christian doctrine of all.
- ❖ This doctrine defines the differences between, orthodox, traditional, biblical, historical, creedal Christianity and revisionist, modernist liberal Christianity.
- ❖ Christ's divinity is the key to all other doctrines of Christianity.
- ❖ Without this doctrine, nothing else matters and no other doctrines would make sense.
- ❖ If Christ is divine, then His coming to live among us on earth is one of the most important events in history. God taking on human flesh to become one of us in human nature yet divine as the second Person of the Trinity.
- ❖ Most of all, if Christ is divine it is necessary to believe everything He taught and to obey everything that He commands us to do.

There are many other religions that believe that Jesus was virginally conceived and that He was the Messiah and divine. However, they do not believe that He is the Son of God.

To say that Christ is divine is to assert that: Jesus Christ, though a man in history, was also fully God, God come to earth, the eternal Word made Flesh. He is not less than God the Father and the Holy Spirit but is co-equal with them in power, glory and eternity. Christ is not a holy man, nor an inspired prophet or even a lesser God. He is God Himself, the Creator of the universe, come to earth by assuming human nature.

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IMPORTANT CORI AND PGC INFORMATION ~

FY2021 CORI VOLUNTEER RENEWAL ALERT:

Ministry Leaders must make sure that **all** their active volunteers (18 years and older) renew and complete a **FY 2021 CORI**. If you are planning to volunteer in any ministry, you must complete a **2021 CORI** form. You can scan in your license and completed 2021 CORI form and send it back to: st.marysrel870@gmail.com. Please call the R.E. Office if you need a **2021 CORI** Form.

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.middlesexccac.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.

