



THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH

World Mission Sunday

October 18, 2020



St. Mary's Parish



Our Mission:

"To know Christ and to make Him known."

Mass Schedule:

Monday through Friday
9:00 AM

Saturday Vigils
5:00 PM
7:30 PM

Sunday
7:30 AM
9:30 AM Family Mass
(C.L.O.W. Sept. – May)
11:30 AM Sung Mass

Holy Days: Announced

Adoration Schedule:

First Fridays from
9:30-10:30 AM

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Dear Visitors: Welcome! We are delighted that you chose to worship with us this day. Please introduce yourself to the priest, and if you are interested in becoming a member of the parish then please call the rectory to register. Please also be aware that for generations it has been the custom at St. Mary's to kneel together for a silent Hail Mary at the end of Mass.

Please join in!

Confession: Currently by appointment only due to Pandemic.

Anointing of the Sick: Any time by appointment. Please call as soon as you are aware of a serious illness or upcoming surgery.

Baptism: The 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month. To register for Baptism Preparation call 429-4427.

Marriage: Please call at least 6 months in advance of your desired wedding date. Congratulations!



**MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE
FRANCIS
FOR WORLD MISSION SUNDAY 2020**

Here am I, send me (Is 6:8)

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I wish to express my gratitude to God for the commitment with which the Church throughout the world carried out the Extraordinary Missionary Month last October. I am convinced that it stimulated

missionary conversion in many communities on the path indicated by the theme: “Baptized and Sent: the Church of Christ on Mission in the World”.

In this year marked by the suffering and challenges created by the Covid-19 pandemic, the missionary journey of the whole Church continues in light of the words found in the account of the calling of the prophet Isaiah: “Here am I, send me” (6:8). This is the ever new response to the Lord’s question: “Whom shall I send?” (ibid.). This invitation from God’s merciful heart challenges both the Church and humanity as a whole in the current world crisis.

“Like the disciples in the Gospel we were caught off guard by an unexpected, turbulent storm. We have realized that we are on the same boat, all of us fragile and disoriented, but at the same time important and needed, all of us called to row together, each of us in need of comforting the other. On this boat... are all of us. Just like those disciples, who spoke anxiously with one voice, saying ‘We are perishing’ (v. 38), so we too have realized that we cannot go on thinking of ourselves, but only together can we do this” (*Meditation in Saint Peter’s Square*, 27 March 2020).

We are indeed frightened, disoriented and afraid. Pain and death make us experience our human frailty, but at the same time remind us of our deep desire for life and liberation from evil. In this context, the call to mission, the invitation to step out of ourselves for love of God and neighbour presents itself as an opportunity for sharing, service and intercessory prayer. The mission that God entrusts to each one of us leads us from fear and introspection to a renewed realization that we find ourselves precisely when we give ourselves to others.

In the sacrifice of the cross, where the mission of Jesus is fully accomplished (cf. *Jn* 19:28-30), God shows us that his love is for each and every one of us (cf. *Jn* 19:26-27). He asks us to be personally willing to be sent, because he himself is Love, love that is always “on mission”, always reaching out in order to give life. Out of his love for us, God the Father sent his Son Jesus (cf. *Jn* 3:16). Jesus is the Father’s Missionary: his life and ministry reveal his total obedience to the Father’s will (cf. *Jn* 4:34; 6:38; 8:12-30; *Heb* 10:5-10). Jesus, crucified and risen for us, draws us in turn into his mission of love, and with his Spirit which enlivens the Church, he makes us his disciples and sends us on a mission to the world and to its peoples.

“The mission, the ‘Church on the move’, is not a programme, an enterprise to be carried out by sheer force of will. It is Christ who makes the Church go out of herself. In the mission of evangelization, you move because the Holy Spirit pushes you, and carries you” (*Senza di Lui non possiamo fare nulla: Essere missionari oggi nel mondo. Una conversazione con Gianni Valente*, Libreria Editrice Vaticana: San Paolo, 2019, 16-17). God always loves us first and with this love comes to us and calls us. Our personal vocation comes from the fact that we are sons and daughters of God in the Church, his family, brothers and sisters in that love that Jesus has shown us. All, however, have a human dignity founded on the divine invitation to be children of God and to become, in the sacrament of Baptism and in the freedom of faith, what they have always been in the heart of God.

Life itself, as a gift freely received, is implicitly an invitation to this gift of self: it is a seed which, in the baptized, will blossom as a response of love in marriage or in virginity for the kingdom of God. Human life is born of the love of God, grows in love and tends towards love. No one is excluded from the love of God, and in the holy sacrifice of Jesus his Son on the cross, God conquered sin and death (cf. *Rom* 8:31-39). For God, evil – even sin – becomes a challenge to respond with even greater love (cf. *Mt* 5:38-48; *Lk* 22:33-34). In the Paschal Mystery, divine mercy heals our wounded humanity and is poured out upon the whole universe.

The Church, the universal sacrament of God's love for the world, continues the mission of Jesus in history and sends us everywhere so that, through our witness of faith and the proclamation of the Gospel, God may continue to manifest his love and in this way touch and transform hearts, minds, bodies, societies and cultures in every place and time.

Mission is a free and conscious response to God's call. Yet we discern this call only when we have a personal relationship of love with Jesus present in his Church. Let us ask ourselves: are we prepared to welcome the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives, to listen to the call to mission, whether in our life as married couples or as consecrated persons or those called to the ordained ministry, and in all the everyday events of life? Are we willing to be sent forth at any time or place to witness to our faith in God the merciful Father, to proclaim the Gospel of salvation in Jesus Christ, to share the divine life of the Holy Spirit by building up the Church? Are we, like Mary, the Mother of Jesus, ready to be completely at the service of God's will (cf. *Lk* 1:38)? This interior openness is essential if we are to say to God: "Here am I, Lord, send me" (cf. *Is* 6:8). And this, not in the abstract, but in this chapter of the life of the Church and of history.

Understanding what God is saying to us at this time of pandemic also represents a challenge for the Church's mission. Illness, suffering, fear and isolation challenge us. The poverty of those who die alone, the abandoned, those who have lost their jobs and income, the homeless and those who lack food challenge us. Being forced to observe social distancing and to stay at home invites us to rediscover that we need social relationships as well as our communal relationship with God. Far from increasing mistrust and indifference, this situation should make us even more attentive to our way of relating to others. And prayer, in which God touches and moves our hearts, should make us ever more open to the need of our brothers and sisters for dignity and freedom, as well as our responsibility to care for all creation. The impossibility of gathering as a Church to celebrate the Eucharist has led us to share the experience of the many Christian communities that cannot celebrate Mass every Sunday. In all of this, God's question: "Whom shall I send?" is addressed once more to us and awaits a generous and convincing response: "Here am I, send me!" (*Is* 6:8). God continues to look for those whom he can send forth into the world and to the nations to bear witness to his love, his deliverance from sin and death, his liberation from evil (cf. *Mt* 9:35-38; *Lk* 10:1-12).

The celebration of World Mission Day is also an occasion for reaffirming how prayer, reflection and the material help of your offerings are so many opportunities to participate actively in the mission of Jesus in his Church. The charity expressed in the collections that take place during the liturgical celebrations of the third Sunday of October is aimed at supporting the missionary work carried out in my name by the Pontifical Mission Societies, in order to meet the spiritual and material needs of peoples and Churches throughout the world, for the salvation of all.

May the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Star of Evangelization and Comforter of the Afflicted, missionary disciple of her Son Jesus, continue to intercede for us and sustain us.



PARISH STAFF:

Rev. Mark J. Coiro, Pastor
 The Xaverian Fathers, Weekend Assistance
 Deacon John D. Barry, Permanent Deacon
 Deacon Ronald A. Dowding, 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 Miley Family. Please join them in prayer for an unborn child. To sponsor the Rose for Life, call 508-429-4427, or email st.marys1870@gmail.com.



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND:

Supports Catholic World Missions. The funds gathered on World Mission Sunday are distributed in the Pope's name by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith – a Pontifical Mission Society. Please visit www.propfaithboston.org for more information.

SECOND COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND:

Catholic University, Peter's Pence, Inner City Boston Parishes - \$1,253.00 Thank you!

PARISH OFFERTORY LAST WEEKEND:

Mass Collections: \$ 0.00
 Automatic Giving: \$ 3,649.00
 WeShare: \$ 3,516.41

Offertory Envelopes
 dropped off or

mailed to the office: \$ 6,287.00

Total Offertory: \$ 13,452.41

WEEKLY OFFERTORY NEED: \$15,000

Parish Offertory Shortfall Last Weekend:

\$1,547.59

PRAYERS AND MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday	October 17
5:00	Marc Levasseur
7:30	Susan Johnson
Sunday	October 18
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Bernie Cornelia
11:30	Emelia Bourque, 4 th Anv.
Monday	October 19
9:00	Alma M. Lester, 5 th Anv.
Tuesday	October 20
9:00	Rev. Robert S. Mottau
Wednesday	October 21
9:00	Holy Souls
Thursday	October 22
9:00	Earl King
Friday	October 23
9:00	Assunta and Giuseppe Bomba
Saturday	October 24
5:00	Ed and Kay Hamlet
7:30	Betty Cusack
Sunday	October 25
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Wayne and David Brovelli
11:30	James Farrell, 3 rd Anv.

PARISH CENTER OFFICES - PHONES STILL OUT:

Apologies again to all those frustrated in their attempts to phone the offices located in our Parish Center building. As

mentioned previously, the underground lines between the buildings were damaged the week before last, causing an electrical back surge that "fried" most of the electronics. Because our system is more than twenty years old, replacement parts are no longer available. (It was working fine so we had not updated the system). This means now installing an entirely new system, which with backups caused by the Pandemic has been slow despite our best efforts. At present we have been promised an installation this coming Thursday, October 22, after which we should be up and running again. Thank you for your patience, and please email instead of calling for the time being.





Saint Mary's Parish

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

October 18, 2020
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Today Jesus is confronted by the Pharisees, determined to trap him with the question, "Teacher, is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" If Jesus answers "yes," the Pharisees can accuse Him of being a traitor to His people (the tax was paid to Roman occupiers) and to His God (the coin held a graven image). If Jesus answers "no," then the Pharisees can accuse Him of sedition against the state and report Him to Rome.

Jesus' response to the Pharisees is brilliant. He turns the tables on this devious bunch by asking to see the coin used to pay the tax. Possession of such a coin would itself be against Jewish law, since the coin was a "graven image" depicting Caesar's likeness. The fact that Jesus does not possess such a coin speaks volumes about His loyalty to God. The fact that the Pharisees are able to immediately produce one of these coins, demonstrates their own lack of religious integrity.

Integrity is the very opposite of the "compartmentalizing" of lives seen more and more today. Instead of letting all aspects of our lives and actions be informed by the deep convictions of faith, many try to separate faith, work, family, politics, etc. into separate boxes. How often have we heard so called Catholic legislators, for instance, claim that they personally believe in the sanctity of the lives of the unborn, but that they feel it would be inappropriate for them to act publicly on that belief? In persons of integrity, the most important convictions can never be set aside, but are expressed in all that they say and do in every aspect of their lives.

Jesus offers today His famous saying, "Render unto Caesar what is Caesar's, but to God what is God's." The Roman coin in question bears Caesar's image and inscription, and so it belongs to Caesar. So what belongs to God? That which bears God's image. And behold, "God created man in his image; in the divine image he created him; male and female he created them." (Gen. 1:27) In other words, we are God's coin. We belong to Him, and He wants us to give all of who we are over to Him – just as He gave Himself fully to us in the person of Christ Jesus.

This weekend we celebrate World Mission Sunday, a day that always reminds me of St. Theresa of Lisieux – patroness of my very first parish, and also patroness of the Missions. Theresa longed to carry the Gospel to distant lands, but was prevented from doing so by poor health. Instead, she dedicated herself to a life of prayer, corresponding with missionaries and constantly remembering them to the Lord. Like Theresa, most of us will not carry the Word of God to foreign places firsthand, but we all have a responsibility to support those who give their lives over to this important work. We do so in part by the annual Propagation of the Faith collection taken up this weekend, but also by fostering vocations to the Missions and by asking God's good grace upon all missionaries through prayer.

In a very real sense, we are all missionaries – bearing the love of Christ into our homes, our workplaces, and into the lives of everyone we meet. I remain personally grateful to the people of this parish, who in so many simple but significant ways have made the presence of Christ known to me.

In His Service and Yours,

Rev. Mark J. Coiro
Pastor

ST. MARY'S ANNUAL BABY SHOWER FOR THE UNBORN THIS WEEKEND OCTOBER 17 & 18:

Please bring new baby items and clothes to Mass and place them in or around the baby stroller in the sanctuary. These gifts will directly assist mothers in crisis pregnancies through the Pregnancy Help program of our Archdiocese. Gift cards to Carters, CVS, Kohl's, Walgreen's, Target and Walmart would also be appreciated. Thank you for supporting families and babies in their time of need!

Pregnancy Help staff provides ongoing counseling and support, and assists clients in securing housing, job training, education, and legal advice from social service programs run by the archdiocese, the state, and others.

Since 1973, Pregnancy Help has provided free pregnancy testing, counseling, referrals, ongoing support and material assistance to women with unplanned or crisis pregnancies. These free and confidential services are available in English, Spanish and Portuguese to women of any religious denomination or faith.

A Pregnancy Help Client Testimonial: *"When I got pregnant I felt lonely, desperate, and confused. I found myself pregnant with no husband, no family, no money, no house and maybe no job. It was like being in a dark hole. I heard about Pregnancy Help, and they gave me the emotional and material support to get out of the confusion, to put aside all the obstacles that I thought I had and begin to take care of myself and my baby. I do not have words big enough to match the work they do."* Learn more at: www.pregnancyhelpboston.org.



ALL SOULS CANDLELIGHT MASS ~ MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2:

This Special Mass at 7:00 PM will include a candlelight memorial, with a reading of the names of all those buried from our parish since All Souls last year. A candle inscribed with each name will be lit, which the family is invited to take home after the Mass. Thanks to a generous parishioner sponsorship, the music will include Harp and Violin in addition to Pipe Organ. Any and all parishioners are invited to come pray for their own departed loved ones at this beautiful celebration of faith and hope.

URGENT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEEDS: Monitors for 8th Grade Monday classes from 6:00 - 7:00 PM, every 3 weeks in person. Group Leaders for 10th Grade Sunday classes from 4:30 - 6:00 PM, every other week live online.

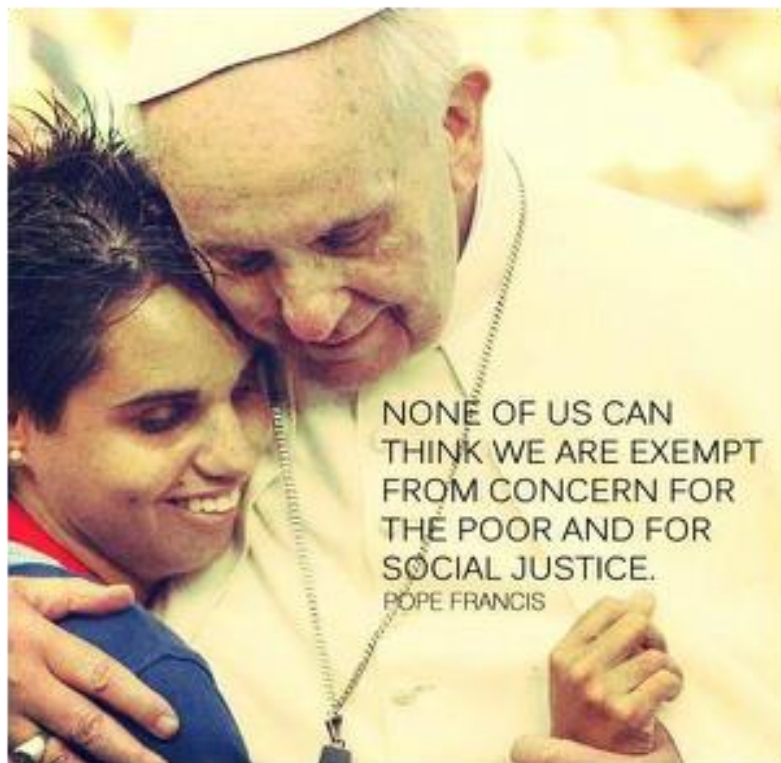
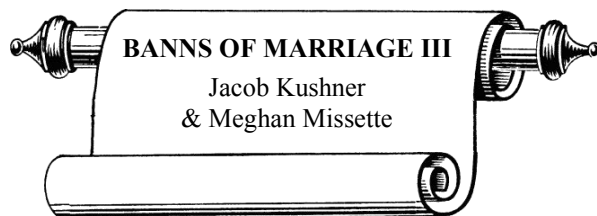
MASS GREETERS NEEDED! St. Mary's is required to have greeters to count and guide Mass-goers during the Pandemic. We are still short of volunteers for this essential safety ministry. When Christmas comes, the extra Masses needed to accommodate our people will not have enough greeters unless more volunteers are found. No greeters = no Mass. Please volunteer by emailing Mary Beth Harris at st.marys1870@gmail.com.



WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS: *"Serving others does not have to be hard, in fact it is often simple. When we serve those who need us, we are actually serving God."* - Saint Mother Theresa of Calcutta

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FORMATION PROGRAM:

All liturgical ministers should have received an invitation to the virtual (Zoom) Faith Formation program about the Mass which will be held next Sunday, October 25 from 7:00 to 8:00 PM. If you have not received an invitation, please contact Leo Racine at leoaracine@msn.com. Join us for this important event!



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.

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. If you have an illness or emergency, you may call the pantry (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. 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@hollistonpantryshelf.org to coordinate a time for a pick-up or a delivery of donated foods when there is room and appropriate staffing.

SOCIAL JUSTICE CONVOCATION: Please joins us for the 12th Annual Archdiocese of Boston Social Justice Convocation which will be held virtually this year on Saturday, November 7. The theme of this year's Convocation is "Racial Justice - What Can We Do Now?" It will begin at 10 a.m. with a Mass concelebrated by Cardinal Sean and Rev. Oscar Pratt. Following the Mass, Fr. Pratt will give the keynote address focusing on "Am I Aware?" Dr. Jeannine Hill-Fletcher, a Fordham University professor, will reflect on Fr. Pratt's remarks and discuss "Am I Committed?" A question and answer period will follow both talks and the Convocation will wrap up at 12:30 PM. To register or for more information please visit bostoncatholic.org/socialjustice.

LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD – AGAIN “SAY NO TO ROE” The state legislature has extended the session until January 5, 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!



Fr. John Grieco



WINGS This Wednesday!

WINGS (Women in God's Spirit) is a ministry of encouragement and enrichment for women of all ages who seek to deepen their faith and grow in relationship with God and one another. **Please join us Wed. October 21st, 10:00 to 11:00 am, for the second session of our five-week Fall Virtual Season: "The Centrality of the Eucharist: Deepening Your Relationship with Christ".** Our featured speaker will be Fr. John Grieco. Fr. John will help us understand the richness behind the essential Catholic teaching of Jesus' Real Presence in the bread and wine.

Suggested donation is \$10.00 for the Fall Season or \$30.00 for the entire year. All women are welcome at WINGS regardless of ability to pay. Please make checks payable to St. Mary's Parish, and mail to Betty Febo, 41 Holly Lane. **Current WINGS members will automatically be sent the Zoom link prior to the session.** For additional

information about the WINGS ministry, please call Jen Schiller at 617-852-9632. To register for WINGS, email stmaryswingssecretary@gmail.com

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? — 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.

EUCHARISTIC HOME BLESSINGS

As part of our Parish's Celebration of the "Year of the Eucharist," St. Mary's clergy are blessing the homes of our parishioners with the Blessed Sacrament. The blessing is done from outdoors with social distancing. May the houses and apartments so blessed be protected in every way as the Presence of Our Lord is strengthened within them. To have your home blessed, call Mary Beth at 508-429-4427, or email her at

St.Marys1870@gmail.com. Our priest or one of our three deacons will then contact you to set up a time for the blessing, at which the whole family should be present.

Below: Three special "mini-Monstrances" that St. Mary's has prepared for use in Blessing your homes.



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: Grades 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 have been sent remote pre-recorded **review** lessons of the prior year to study since the year ended early in March. If your family has not received the review lessons please notify the R.E. office. Regular grade level lessons will follow along with Project Nazareth.

WEEK OF OCTOBER 18 – 25 RELIGIOUS ED.

DAY	GRADE	MODEL
Sun., Oct. 8- 22	GR-K at 9:15 AM	Live in person - 1
	GR-1 Family paced	Remote Session 1
	GR-4 Family paced	Remote Sess. 1-2
	GR-5 Family paced	Remote Sess. 1-2
	GR-6 Family paced	Remote Sess. 1-2
	GR7 Family paced	Remote Sess. 1-2
	GR-10 at 4:30 PM	Zoom Session 2
Tues., Oct 20	GR-9 at 6:30 PM	Live in person
Wed., Oct 21	GR-2 Family paced	Remote Sess. 1-2
Thur., Oct. 22	GR-9 at 6:30 PM	Live in person - 2

STUDENT TEXTBOOKS: Students in Grades 1 – 7 need their text books for the remote lessons. Please contact Robin at st.marysre1870@gmail.com and arrange to pick up your child's textbook.

TEACHERS ARE NEEDED – GRADES K – 7:

We need teachers to help with phone calls to families for our Remote Home Classes. It is important to keep in communication with the families and check on their children's progress with their lesson plans. There is no classroom teaching at this time. If you can assist, please contact st.marysre1870@gmail.com

CONFIRMATION I – GRADE 9: In-person live classes this week on Tuesday, October 20 and Thursday, October 22 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. Virtual Zoom session on Sunday, October 25 from 4:30 to 6:00 PM.

MASSES OPEN FOR FIRST COMMUNION THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

DAY	TIME	No. of Children
Sun., Oct. 25	11:30 AM	6 openings
Sun., Nov. 01	9:30 & 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 are allowed to meet for any event until further notice.
3. Children ages 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 supplies.

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.

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/>

PRAY THE ROSARY IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER FOR WORLD PEACE AND UNITY: Our Blessed Mother has been entrusted by God to bring peace among her children and the world. The Rosary is the most powerful prayer that can change the heart of the world.

PROJECT NAZARETH

Faith Begins at Home



The **Project Nazareth Series** has been created by the Archdiocese of Boston to foster family formation and growth in their faith and relationship with God. This year the program will be integrated into our religious education classes to help families develop a time for prayer together by spending just ten minutes a day reading the Bible, discussing what they have read so that their faith grows deeper.

Though PROJECT NAZARETH moves much of the faith formation process into the home, it is in no way intended to be a substitute for parish involvement. Parishes provide us with regular reception of the sacraments, connection to a larger community, opportunities to serve in various ministries, and opportunities to engage with the larger Church and live our faith. Faith starts at home, but our parishes connect us to our larger Catholic family.

For this reason, PROJECT NAZARETH **does not provide sacramental preparation**. PROJECT NAZARETH is designed to preview the readings we will hear at Mass each week and so prepare us to appreciate them more fully during Mass. Each week, you will receive a Weekly Toolkit filled with activities, prayers, readings, and questions to ponder with your children. You can use this Toolkit to help structure your exploration of the week's theme with your child.

These aren't traditional lesson plans that you run through in an hour. The goal is to intersperse these activities throughout your week, turning every moment at home into an opportunity to grow in faith and love with your child. The activities are designed to be flexible, trusting you to know your children well enough to adapt them as you see fit.

To learn more about PROJECT NAZARETH go to: <https://www.bostoncatholic.org/project-nazareth#:~:text=%22%20Project%20Nazareth%3A%20Faith%20Begins%20at%20Home%20%22,given%20topic%20throughout%20the%20course%20of%20each%20week.>

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 and complete the registration process.

Once the 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.

