

# St. Mary's Parish

## Our Mission:

*“To know Christ and to make Him known.”*

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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!

## 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:

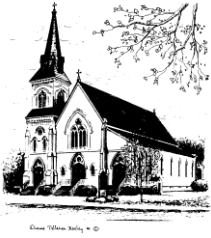
First Fridays from  
9:30-10:30 AM

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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!



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November 1, 2020  
Feast of All Saints

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

Today we celebrate a Feast that only rarely falls on a Sunday - the Feast of All Saints. Some saints are declared by the Church, having been revealed by God to be with Him in heaven. But most saints are undeclared, their names known only to God but still worthy of our remembrance. Today we celebrate them all - *"the great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands."* (Rev 7:9)

Do you have a loved one who has died and that you know in your heart is now in heaven? Then you believe that person to be a saint! Because in heaven there are only saints and angels with God. We will never be angels, which are spiritual and eternal beings – an entirely different order of God's creation. But we are all called to become saints, bearing witness to God's love in this life, and joining Him in eternity after serving Him faithfully here.

We have in our church now a statue of St. Thérèse of Lisieux, who declared as a child that she wanted to be a saint and bent all her will toward that blessed end. Five years ago, both of St. Thérèse's parents were canonized by Pope Francis - Louis and Zélie Martin. The declaration of this married lay couple as saints is a reminder that sainthood is the aim of every vocation – whether we live the priestly, religious, married, or chaste single life. As I type this letter, I can see across the room a photograph of myself holding hands with Pope John Paul II in 1996 – now Pope Saint John Paul II. The fact that I actually touched in the flesh one who is now a saint of God is for me another reminder of the universal call to holiness, and the accessibility of sainthood for us all.

The Feast of "All Saints" – those saints *not* known or declared here on earth – also reminds us that it is more important to be recognized and rewarded by God in heaven than it is to be rewarded and recognized by our fellow human beings here on earth. It's been said that your reputation is what others know, or think they know, about you. But your integrity is what you know about yourself, and what God sees when He looks into the deepest places of your heart.

This Feast of ALL Saints - this Feast of ALL the undeclared Holy Ones of God - means that it is enough to live a simple life. It is enough to live a quiet and unheralded life. As long as it is a life of integrity. A life of mercy. A life spent in loving and faithful service to God.

Under His Mercy,

Rev. Mark J. Coiro  
Pastor



**CONGRATULATIONS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS!** Yesterday, Fr. Michael McGivney, the founder of the Knights of Columbus, was Beatified during a special Mass in the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford, Connecticut. "Blessed" Michael McGivney is now just one step from canonization and sainthood. The story of this inspiring and holy man of God is provided in this weekend's bulletin.

Fr. Michael McGivney, the founder of the Knights of Columbus, was beatified during a special Mass Oct. 31, 2020 at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford, Connecticut.

On May 27, the Vatican announced that Pope Francis, who met with the board of directors of the Knights of Columbus in February, had signed the decree recognizing a miracle through the intercession of McGivney, clearing the way for his beatification. Once he is beatified, he is given the title "Blessed."

The miracle recognized by the Vatican occurred in 2015 and involved an U.S. baby, still in utero, with a life-threatening condition that, under most circumstances, could have led to an abortion.

That baby, Mikey Schachle, is now 5. His parents, Dan and Michelle Schachle, of Dickson, Tennessee, prayed to McGivney to intercede with God to save their son, still in his mother's womb, who was given no hope of surviving a life-threatening case of fetal hydrops.

McGivney (1852-1890), the son of Irish immigrants, was born in Waterbury, Connecticut, and was ordained a priest in 1877 for what is now the Archdiocese of Hartford. He founded the Knights of Columbus at St. Mary's Parish in New Haven, Connecticut, in 1882.

He originally started the Knights as a service organization to help widows and orphans. At the time, McGivney was an assistant pastor at St. Mary's Parish. He is buried in New Haven.

The fraternal order for Catholic men has become the largest lay Catholic organization in the world with 2 million members and sponsors a wide range of educational, charitable and religious activities.

McGivney, who will be the first American parish priest to be beatified and has long been a hero of working-class Catholics, can be viewed as a martyr of a pandemic. When he died of pneumonia complications at age 38 in 1890, it was during an outbreak of influenza known as the Russian flu in Thomaston, Connecticut. Some recent evidence, according to the Knights, indicates the outbreak may have been the result of a coronavirus.

"Father McGivney has inspired generations of Catholic men to roll up their sleeves and put their faith into action," Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson said. "He was decades ahead of his time in giving the laity an important role within the church. Today, his spirit continues to shape the extraordinary charitable work of Knights as they continue to serve those on the margins of society as he served widows and orphans in the 1880s."

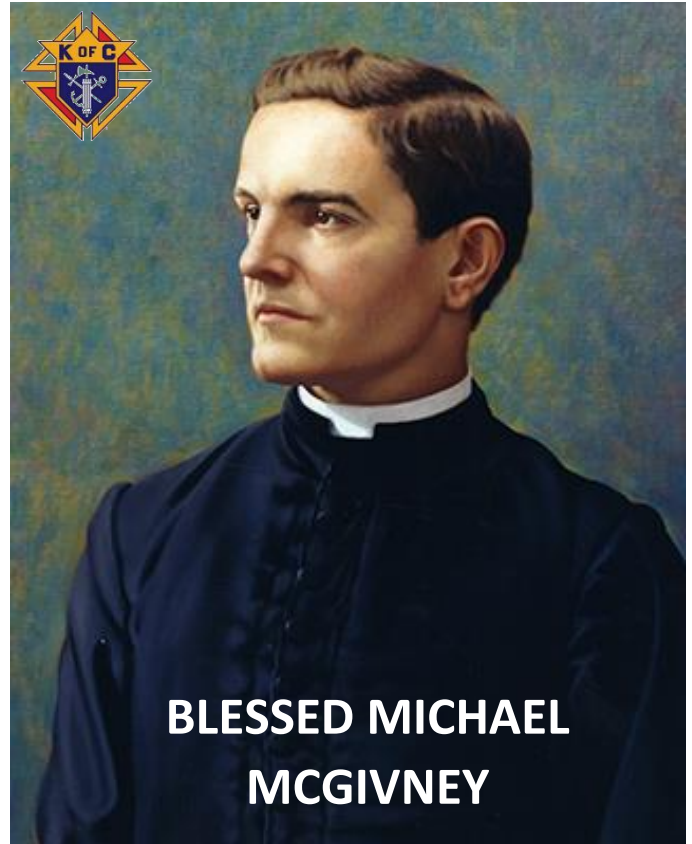
He added, "Father McGivney also remains an important role model for parish priests around the world and left us a transformative legacy of effective cooperation between the laity and clergy."

After the announcement that the priest would be beatified, Anderson told Catholic News Service in an interview: "We've been praying for years for this to occur, and finally this day has arrived."

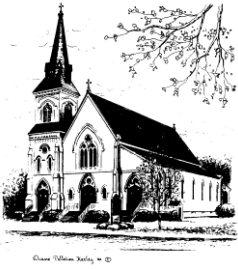
The initial work on his sainthood cause began in 1982 on the Knights' centenary. His cause was formally opened in Hartford in 1997, and he was given the title "Servant of God." In March 2008, the Catholic Church recognized the priest heroically lived the Christian virtues, so he was given the title "Venerable."

Generally, two miracles attributed to the candidate's intercession are required for sainthood — one for beatification and the second for canonization. Watch a wonderful video about Fr. McGivney's life here:

<https://www.kofc.org/en/events/father-mcgivney-beatification/index.html>



**BLESSED MICHAEL  
MCGIVNEY**



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November, 2020

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

150 years ago this month, on November 29, 1870, St. Mary's was canonically established as a Parish. Those 150 years represent countless moments of ministry and grace that have blessed generations of Catholics in Holliston and the surrounding communities. We give thanks to God for this beautiful family of faith and ask Him to watch over and guide us into the future.

For the past 60 years, one of the things that has helped keep St. Mary's strong is the Grand Annual – a once a year special collection that goes entirely toward parish operating costs. In combination with the weekly offertory, the Grand Annual allows St. Mary's to pay her bills and maintain her four buildings, three of which are well over 100 years old.

As you know, the Grand Annual always takes place in November. The 2020 St. Mary's Grand Annual Collection is **Veteran's Day Weekend - November 7 & 8**. The goal is \$150,000 – the same as the previous four years.

The bulk of this year's Grand Annual, \$79,650.00, is needed to cover the complete painting and plaster repairs of Saint Mary's Church interior. (Due to scaffolding costs, both other bids were over \$100,000). Our church has not been painted inside since the completion of the renovation twenty-six years ago. Walls have been stained by soot and in some places the paint is so worn away that you can actually see the wooden framework inside the plaster.

The church ceiling is of particular concern, as it has developed numerous cracks that are spreading and will become more costly to repair as time goes on. As part of the repairs, the church ceiling fans will be removed. These do not actually affect the airflow in the church and are an eyesore that collect black dirt we cannot reach to clean away.

The painting company we have contracted with, ARTECH Church Restoration, will begin the church interior repairs and painting on Monday, November 16. The work will all be completed by Friday, December 18, just in time for our Christmas Celebrations. While weekday Masses will move to Fr. Haley Hall for those five weeks, the project will be arranged to allow us use of the church for all weekend Masses.

Normally, about \$85,000 of the \$150,000 Grand Annual is designated toward Staff Salaries and regular parish bills. However, because of the expense of painting and repairing the church interior, that will not be possible this year. It is therefore critical that, going forward, the parish offertory need of \$15,000 a week be consistently achieved. For this reason, please consider switching to Automatic Giving through your bank, or the "WeShare" Online Giving option. WeShare information is provided here: <https://stmarysholliston.weshareonline.org>

Since successfully paying off the last of her \$1.2 million loan debts in the fall of 2010, St. Mary's has been able to pay her bills and remains debt free. Your generous support of St. Mary's 2020 Grand Annual will assure that the hard-won financial health of our parish continues. We realize that these current economic times are difficult for many. But if we all do what we can according to our means, then the 2020 Grand Annual will be a success. Thank you in advance for your generosity, as together we build towards the next 150 years of Catholic faith in Holliston.

Sincerely,

The St. Mary's Finance Council

Kim Latifi

Kevin O'Connell

Dianne McDermott Roy

Ron Piper

Kevin Diamond

## 2020 Grand Annual Breakdown:

\$79,650.00 - Church ceiling plaster repairs and the first painting of St. Mary's Church interior in twenty-six years. Every single surface will be repaired and repainted, from ceilings to baseboards. **Happy 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday St. Mary's!**

\$70,350.00 - Staff Salaries. The eight men and women of St. Mary's Staff are hardworking, dedicated individuals. This portion of the Grand Annual will go toward their salaries.

### HOW TO MAKE YOUR 2020 GRAND ANNUAL GIFT

Please carefully review the Grand Annual information provided to you by the St. Mary's Finance Council in this mailing.

Pray about it and **decide as a family** what gift you can make according to the means with which God has blessed you.

If you have children, make them aware of your Grand Annual support so that they can learn good stewardship by your example.

If possible, please return the weekend of November 7 & 8 the gold Grand Annual envelope you will soon receive. It may be mailed to 8 Church Street or dropped off through the Rectory Office Door Mail Slot at that same address.

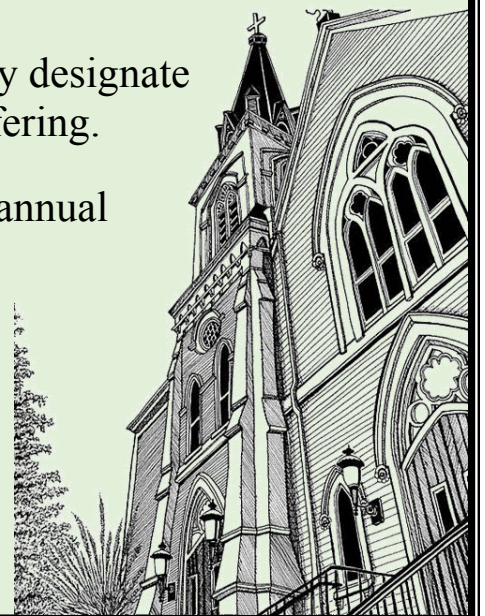
It is important that the special gold envelope, or an envelope clearly marked "Grand Annual" be used.

For those using Automatic Giving or WeShare, you may designate your Grand Annual support as a separate, additional offering.

Thank you for doing your part to support this essential annual stewardship effort!

***"Every person shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD your God which He has given you."***

Deuteronomy 16:17





### **Photos of St. Mary's Church Walls and Ceilings.**

**Most of the church interior has not been painted since 1994. Some walls are badly soot stained. On others the paint has so worn away that you can actually see the wooden framing behind the plaster.**

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**As part of the repairs, the church ceiling fans will be removed. These do not actually affect the airflow in the church and are an eyesore that collect black dirt we cannot reach to clean away.**

**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 Reilly 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](mailto:st.marys1870@gmail.com).

**PRAYERS AND MASS INTENTIONS:**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>October 31</b>
5:00	Feast of All Saints
7:30	Feast of All Saints
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>November 1</b>
7:30	Feast of All Saints
9:30	Feast of All Saints
11:30	Feast of All Saints
<b>Monday</b>	<b>November 2</b>
9:00	All Souls
<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>All Souls</b> <i>Candlelight Mass</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>November 3</b>
9:00	Helen Cavanaugh
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>November 4</b>
9:00	Dennis Kilroy, 1 <sup>st</sup> Anv.
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>November 5</b>
9:00	Patricia Stafford
<b>Friday</b>	<b>November 6</b>
9:00	Fr. Issa & the People of our Sister Parish, Our Lady of Fatima, Beit Sahour
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>November 7</b>
5:00	Stephen Mulcahy, 12 <sup>th</sup> Anv.
7:30	David Baker
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>November 8</b>
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Michael Owens
11:30	Paul Meehan, 4 <sup>th</sup> Anv.

**URGENT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEEDS:**  
 Monitors for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Monday classes from 6:00 - 7:00 PM, every 3 weeks in person. Group Leaders for 10<sup>th</sup> 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. Please volunteer by emailing Mary Beth at [st.marys1870@gmail.com](mailto:st.marys1870@gmail.com).

**CLOW:** The Children's Liturgy of the Word is offering prerecorded weekly lessons online until we can meet again in person. These are engaging and enriching lessons for parents and children to participate in together. Click on the following link and then once on the web page click on prerecorded lessons. Pat Campo-LeBlanc/Coordinator.  
<https://stmarysholliston.com/st-marys-childrens-liturgy-of-the-word/>



**STEWARDSHIP**

*Managing God's Gifts To Us*

**PARISH OFFERTORY LAST WEEKEND:**

Mass Collections: \$ 0.00  
 Automatic Giving: \$ 3,871.50  
 WeShare: \$ 4,465.67

Offertory Envelopes  
 dropped off or  
 mailed to the office: \$ 5,377.50  
**Total Offertory: \$ 13,714.67**

**PARISH WEEKLY OFFERTORY NEED: \$15,000**

**Parish Offertory Shortfall Last Weekend:**

**\$1,285.33**

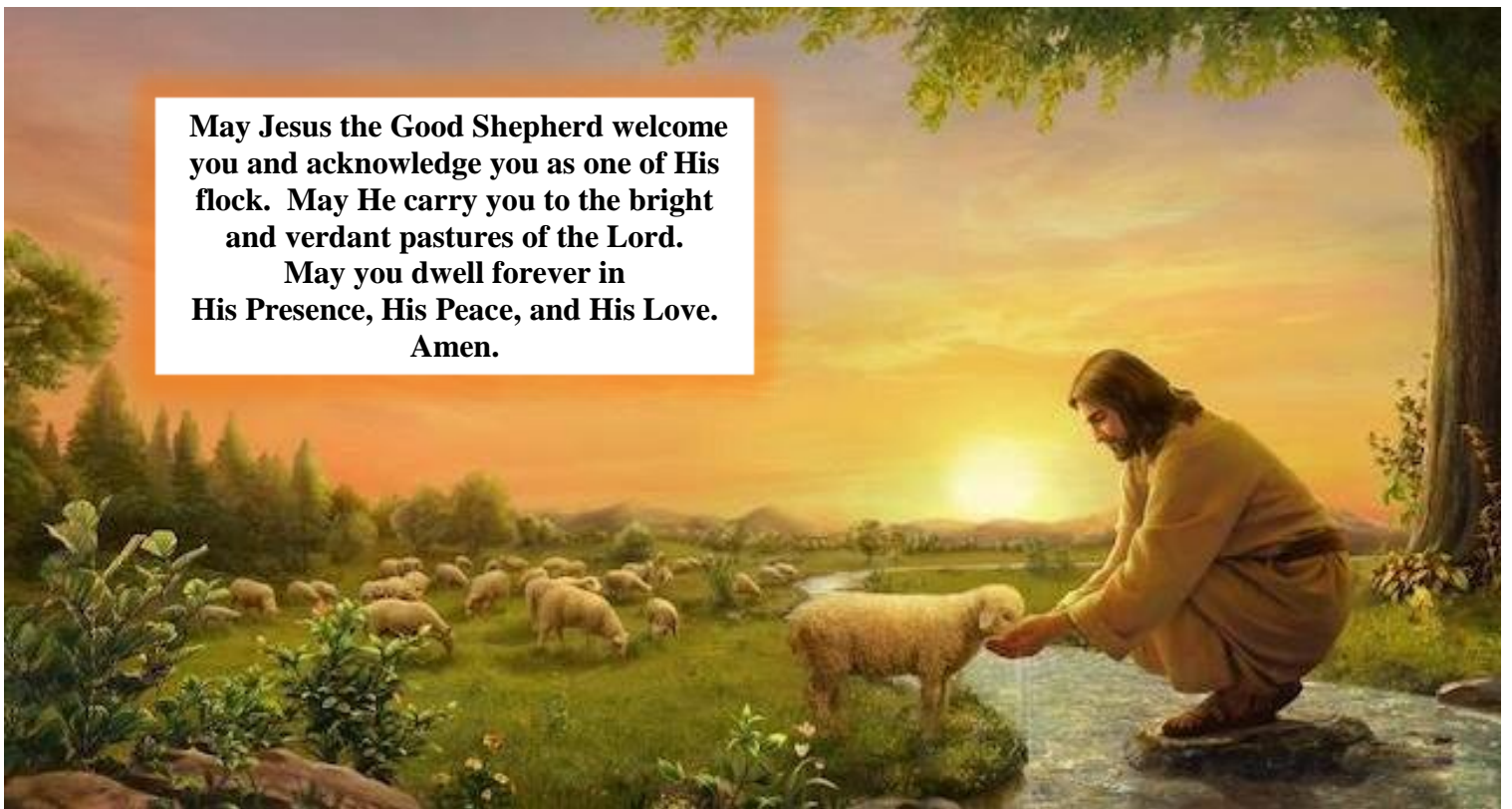


**NEXT WEEKEND: 2020 Grand Annual Kick Off**

The Grand Annual is the single most important collection for our parish each year. Combined with the weekly offertory, it allows St. Mary's to cover her operating costs.

Please carefully review the Grand Annual information provided by the Finance Council, and return your gold Grand Annual envelope next weekend or as soon thereafter as you can. Thank You!

May Jesus the Good Shepherd welcome you and acknowledge you as one of His flock. May He carry you to the bright and verdant pastures of the Lord. May you dwell forever in His Presence, His Peace, and His Love. Amen.



John Hand

Donna LaRosa

Judith McGrath

Annette Cassidy

Jakob Keller

Mary Miley

Barbara Dow

Peter Markunas

Helen Medwid

William Archambault

Frederick Shoff

Doris McGrath

Maureen Burns

Peter Sullivan

Doris O'Neil

Mary Messina

Margaret Palmer

Ileana Bachman

Stephen Rothrock

Anthony Loscocco

Louise Whitehouse

Daniel Connors

Eileen Harrington

Joan Lanoue

Roger Castelli

John McColgan

June Murphy

Matthew Franchitto

Maureen Ferguson

William Dooling

Adam Parmenter

Mark Yockey

Sgt. Brandon Wieldan

Ruth Rudek

Dorothy Tierney

Robert Williams

Richard Sawash

Jose Luis

Nicholas Anselmo

Carol Carr

James Hilliard

Noreen Fitzgerald

Lucy Iafolla

Patricia Stafford

## FEAST OF ALL SOULS

The individuals listed here were honored with Christian burial from St. Mary's since the Feast of All Souls last year. They will be commemorated in a special way at an All Souls Mass,

**Monday, November 2 at 7 PM**

A candle will be lit in each one's memory as their name is read. They and all our beloved dead will be kept in prayer throughout the month of November, according to Catholic custom.

**All are invited to take part in the All Souls Mass to pray for the repose of their own departed loved ones.**



**ALL SOULS CANDLELIGHT MASS WITH HARP, VIOLIN & PIPE ORGAN ~ TOMORROW, 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.

**DIGITAL BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE:** Through the month of November, traditionally referred to as the “Month of the Holy Souls” St. Mary’s Book of Remembrance is normally kept in the church. Parishioners are invited to write the names of their own departed loved ones in the book. Their intentions are then included in all the Masses celebrated at St. Mary’s during November. Because of the Pandemic, to prevent cross-contamination, this year’s Book of Remembrance is digital. Please email the names of your beloved departed for inclusion at [st.marys1870@gmail.com](mailto:st.marys1870@gmail.com), or call Mary Beth at 508-922-6746. The names will all be included in the online bulletin throughout November. May God welcome them into the light and perfect peace of His presence.



## Cardinal O’Malley Statement Regarding Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory being Named to the College of Cardinals ~



*Pope Francis’s elevation of Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory of Washington, D.C. (photo left), to the College of Cardinals is an historic event, a personal tribute and a blessing for the Church in the United States.*

*The historic character of the Pope’s decision is the appointment of the first African American to the College of Cardinals. For several decades there have been African American bishops in the Church in the United States, but this appointment is a singular event recognizing the contribution of the African American community to the work of the Church in this country.*

*The Holy Father’s choice, of course, is not simply about history. It is a recognition of the personal qualities and fruitful pastoral ministry of Cardinal-elect Gregory. Ordained as an auxiliary bishop for the Archdiocese of Chicago, then Bishop of Belleville, Illinois, Cardinal-elect Gregory later led the Archdiocese of Atlanta for more than fourteen years, before being appointed to the See of Washington, D.C. in 2019. He also served as the President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops from 2001-2004.*

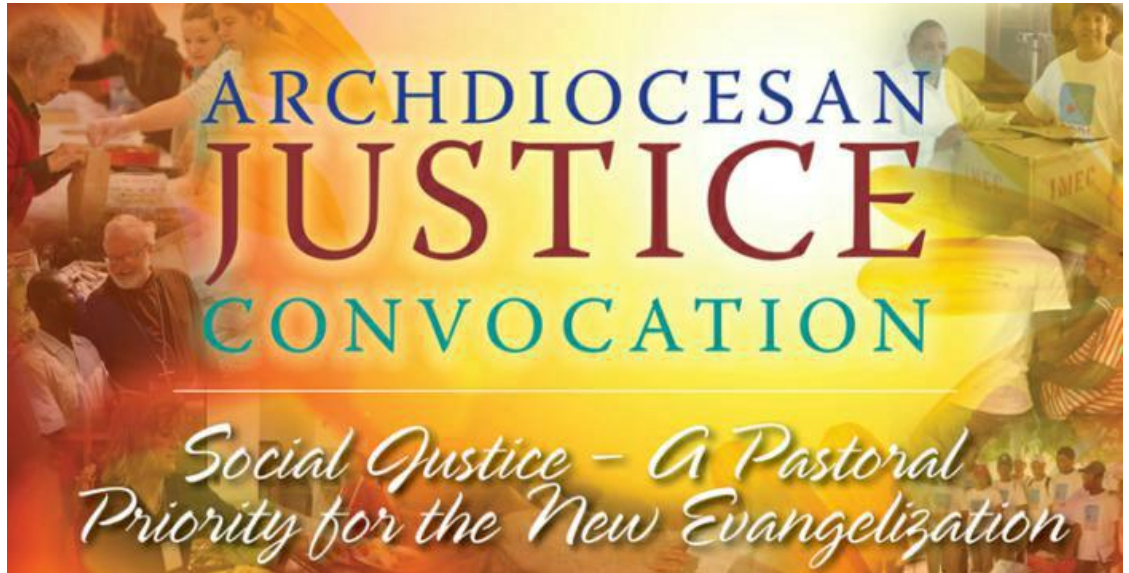
*The long and valiant struggle for racial justice in this country from the 17th century to the inspiring events of 2020 has been given a powerful acknowledgment by the Holy Father whose voice for social justice, human dignity and equality has been a hallmark of his papacy.*

*Throughout his ministry Cardinal-elect Gregory has been a consistent advocate of these same themes, addressing them through faith, reason and his own personal experience as an African American priest and bishop. Based on this personal and pastoral experience, Cardinal-elect Gregory will bring wisdom, insight and a passion for justice to the College of Cardinals, the Holy Father’s uniquely important collaborators.*

*We offer prayerful best wishes to Cardinal-elect Gregory and gratitude to Pope Francis for this appointment.*

**SOCIAL JUSTICE CONVOCATION:**

Please joins us for the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Archdiocese of Boston Social Justice Convocation which will be held virtually this year next Saturday, November 7. The theme of this year's Convocation is "Racial Justice - What Can We Do Now?" It will begin at 10 AM 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](http://bostoncatholic.org/socialjustice).

**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@hollistonpantryshef.org](mailto:info@hollistonpantryshef.org) to coordinate a time for a pick-up or a delivery of donated foods when there is room and appropriate staffing.

**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!

**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](http://www.macatholic.org).





**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. In support of the Boston Archdiocese's Year of the Eucharist, our Fall theme is "The Centrality of the Eucharist: Deepening Your Relationship with Christ." Please join us Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 to 11:00 AM, for the fourth session of our five-week Fall Virtual Season. Our featured speaker will be Fr. Michael Zimmerman, Assistant Vocation Director for the Boston Archdiocese. Fr. Zimmerman will explore what Jesus told us in His own words "whoever eats this bread will live forever." 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](mailto: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](mailto:st.marysdre1870@gmail.com)) or Jim Merski ([mjmerski@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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 160 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](http://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](http://www.magnificat.com/free).

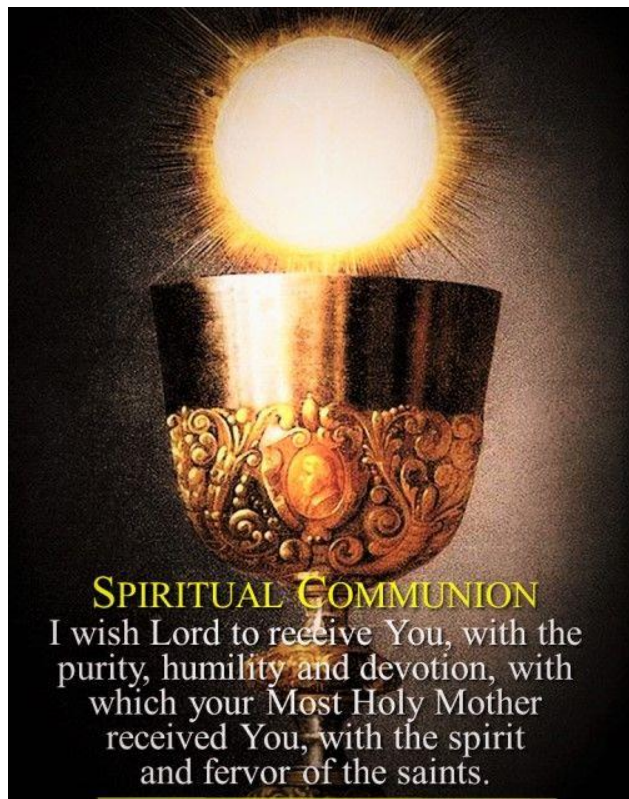


When ready, have your family pray together the following prayer of preparation:

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.



### SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

I wish Lord to receive You, with the purity, humility and devotion, with which your Most Holy Mother received You, with the spirit and fervor of the saints.

**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.



# Religious Education

**IMPORTANT COVID NOTICE:** Please note that if the town of Holliston is classified in the RED ZONE, the in-person classes will not be in session. This is in line with the guidelines from the Archdiocese of Boston and do not reflect what the public school guidelines are for health and safety for COVID-19. Families will be notified of in-person cancellations when necessary.

**WEEK OF OCTOBER 25– NOV. 1 RELIGIOUS ED.**

DAY	GRADE	MODEL
Sun., Nov. 01	GR-1 Family paced	Remote Session 3
	GR-4 Family paced	Remote Session 3
	GR-5 Family paced	Remote Session-3
	GR-10 at 2:30 PM and at 4:30 PM	<b>Remote – Zoom Two sessions</b>
	Mon., Nov. 02	GR-4 Family paced
Tues., Nov. 03	GR-9 at 6:30 PM	<b>Remote - Zoom</b>
Wed., Nov. 04	GR-2, 3, 4, 7	Remote Session-3
Thur., Nov. 05	GR-9 at 6:30 PM	<b>Remote - Zoom</b>
Sun., Nov. 08	GR-2, 3, 6, 7	Remote Session-3
	GR-9 at 6:30 PM	<b>Remote – Zoom</b>

**TEACHERS ARE NEEDED – GRADES 1 – 7:** We need teachers to help with phone calls to families for our Remote Home Classes. There is no classroom teaching at this time. If you can assist, please contact [st.marysre1870@gmail.com](mailto:st.marysre1870@gmail.com)

**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/>

**CONFIRMATION II – GRADE 9:** In-person live classes this week on Tuesday, November 3 and Thursday, November 5, from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. Virtual Zoom session on Sunday, November 8 for Grade 9 from 4:30 to 6:00 PM.

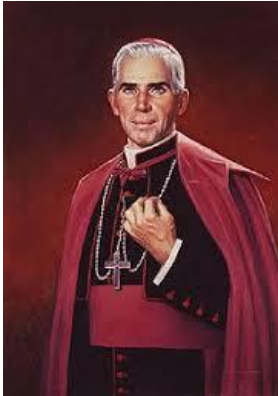
**HOLLISTON NEWCOMERS AND NEIGHBORS:** Due to the pandemic HNN will be providing Thanksgiving meals to be distributed by the Senior Center. **Gift cards will replace baskets.** To support these efforts, we are asking for monetary donations. Visit the HNN donations webpage <http://www.hollistonnewcomers.org/donations> 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.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS “KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS” POSTER CONTEST:** The contest is open to all youth between the ages of 5-14. There are three age groups: ages 5-7, ages 8-10, and ages 11-14. The suggested poster size is 11x14 inches. Each poster must be submitted with an entry form by December 5, 2020. Council prizes for winners. Winners will enter State Council Contest. **Entry forms are available in the Grades K-7 Religious Education Office or can be downloaded from <https://kofc14224.org/docs/Poster2020001.pdf>.** The contacts are D.R.E. Fran Crespi and Council Knight Mitchell Liro.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS “CATHOLIC CITIZENSHIP ESSAY” CONTEST:** The Supreme Council sponsors this international annual essay contest “...to give students an opportunity to define the role of a Catholic citizen in many different scenarios and to strengthen the bond between the Knights of Columbus and local schools.” Eligibility is open to all Catholic students in public, private, or parochial schools in grades 8-12. **Theme information and entry forms will be in the Grades 8-12 Religious Education Office or can be downloaded from <https://kofc14224.org/docs/Essay2020001.pdf>.**

Judges from our Council and the Religious Education Directors will judge the 500-750 word essay and acknowledge all entrants. The winner for each grade will be entered in the State Council Contest. Council level awards will be presented to all winners. **Essays must be completed by December 5, 2020.** The contacts are D.R.E. Jake Thiringer and Council Knight Mitchell Liro.

## A MARTYR FOR THE EUCHARIST



When Venerable Fulton Sheen was asked on national television who inspired him to be so inspirational to people all over the world he responded that it was not a pope, a cardinal, another bishop, priest or nun. His answer surprised many people. "The one who inspired me was a little Chinese girl whose love for Jesus in the Eucharist so impressed him, that when he was in the seminary he promised God that he would

make a holy hour of prayer before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament every day of his life. This little Chinese girl, Li, lived in a time when the new Communist political class in the early 1950's were torturing, imprisoning and killing people who practiced their belief in God.

Little Li attended a parochial school where she learned about Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and how to love Jesus. In 1953 when Li made her First Holy Communion, she had asked Jesus in her heart: "always give me the daily bread so that my soul can live and be healthy!" Li received Holy Communion every day always aware that the communists could stop the Mass at any time. She prayed to Jesus that this would never happen. One day it did happen and men entered her school taking away the children's holy objects and hand painted pictures of Jesus and Mary. The children were told that the new China would not tolerate such superstitions.

One day the communist inspector gathered all the people into a small church and told them that they were tricked into believing that God is present in the Tabernacle. Little Li was there that day. So the inspector ordered the soldiers to fire at the Tabernacle. Then he grabbed the ciborium throwing all the Sacred Hosts onto the floor. Little Li was horrified. She wept silently and remained in the church after the people were told to leave. Then the men locked the priest in a coal bunker where there was a small opening for him to view the sanctuary and all the Sacred Hosts on the floor. He could do nothing but pray for atonement for the Sacrileges committed against Jesus.

There were thirty-two hosts on the floor and each day for the next thirty-two days little Li would enter the church and kneel before the Hosts for one hour adoring Jesus and then bow her head to the floor and with her tongue take Jesus into her mouth. She would remain for a short time and then leave. The priest was amazed and was frightened for Li, who was just ten years of age, because at any moment the men could come back into the church and find her there. On the thirty-second day when Li entered the church to help Jesus, a soldier entered and shot her. As the priest watched in horror he noticed that Li was still alive but struggled in pain to consume the last Sacred Host and then drew her last breath and died a true martyr's death.

*Sister Emmanuel write this story in her book, "The Hidden Child."*

## 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.marysre1870@gmail.com](mailto:st.marysre1870@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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

