

Feast of Christ the King



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 the 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!



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November 22, 2020
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Dear Members of the St. Mary's Parish Family,

Thank you for your patience as the first interior repainting and repair of our church in twenty-six years continues. Happily we are still able to worship in the church on weekends, though with reduced seating as some pews are needed for the crew's equipment. They are staying at a hotel during the week and working here from 6 AM to 8 PM most days. As you can see, they are making good progress. The ceiling fans are gone, cracks are being repaired, and some sanctuary areas have already been cleaned and repainted. Just think how lovely our church will look for Christmas! A special thank you to all who are supporting the 2020 Grand Annual, which is making this 150th Anniversary Project possible.

Even as we celebrate the Anniversary of our parish, and the restoration of the church building that earlier generations of St. Mary's Parishioners have left to us, let us remember that above all it is the *people* who constitute the Church – the Living Body of Christ. It is our parishioners who by their prayers, presence, and participation keep this community of faith so vital and flourishing. And so, on this Thanksgiving week when we offer gratitude to God for all the many blessing in our lives, I thank God for all the good people of St. Mary's. May He bless you richly for all that you so generously bring to our parish family. And together may we continue to grow in the knowledge and love of His Son, Jesus.

A most blessed and happy Thanksgiving to you all!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark J. Coiro'. The signature is stylized with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Rev. Mark J. Coiro
Pastor

God of all Creation: You have cared for the earth and have filled it with your riches. Abundance flows in your steppes, through the pastures and wilderness. You provide for our land, softening it with showers, bathing it in light, and blessing it with growth.

The hills sing with joy; the meadows are covered with flocks; the fields deck themselves with wheat; and together they glorify your name!

On this occasion of our Thanksgiving, we as a nation take rest from our labors to consider your many blessings. We thank you for our freedoms, and for the opportunity to contribute our skills, our attributes and our values toward the good of society.

We thank you for the mixture of our cultures, blending us into one people under God. Help us to be a light unto other nations, and to further the cause of freedom and justice all over the world.

We remember those who are less fortunate than we. We lift up in prayer the victims of poverty and racism, and all those who suffer from forms of political and economic oppression. Let the word that goes forth from our mouths speak of your peace, and let us proclaim our hope in Christ as Savior of all humankind.

We pray that you will bless all those who gather here, as we have come to experience your presence among us. Give us your guidance, O God, and empower us for your work. For we claim nothing for ourselves, but return all honor and glory unto you, and offer our thanks and praise. Amen.

- Thomas P. Roberts

2020 ST. MARY'S PARISH GRAND ANNUAL UPDATE

"What return can I make to the Lord for all He has done for me?" Psalm 116

2020 Grand Annual goal to cover operating expenses:	\$150,000.00
Grand Annual parishioner support received to date:	- \$ 89,555.00
Parishioner support still needed to reach 2020 Grand Annual goal:	\$ 60,445.00
% of 2020 Grand Annual achieved to date:	60 %
% of St. Mary's families who have now made their Grand Annual gift:	25 %



As the Grand Annual continues, contributions may be placed either in the gold G.A. envelope you received in the mail, or in a separate envelope clearly marked "Grand Annual". G.A. envelopes may be mailed to 8 Church Street or dropped through the Rectory Office Door Mail-slot.

As explained in the special mailing to all parishioners, the \$150,000 goal will fund both staff salaries and the 150th Anniversary interior repairs and painting of St. Mary's Church. Your generous support will assure the financial health of our parish continues.

Thank you for your support of this most important annual collection!

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



**SECOND COLLECTION
THIS WEEKEND:**

For Retired Women Religious (nuns). Please give generously in recognition of the important role religious sisters have had in the Archdiocese of Boston.

LAST SUNDAY'S PARISH OFFERTORY:

Automatic Giving:	\$ 3,635.00
WeShare:	\$ 5,352.28
Offertory Envelopes	
Dropped off/mailed in:	\$ 5,910.50

Total Offertory: \$ 14,897.78

Thank you for your faithful stewardship!

PRAYERS AND MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday		November 21	
	5:00		Thomas Fleming
	7:30		John Hand
Sunday		November 22	
	7:30		People of St. Mary's
	9:30		John and Helen Shannahan
	11:30		Winifred Chase, 19 th Anv.
Monday		November 23	
	9:00		Gabriel Parmese
Tuesday		November 24	
	9:00		Maria Apuzzo
Wednesday		November 25	
	9:00		Catherine Spina
Thursday		November 26	
	9:00		Thanksgiving Mass
Friday		November 27	
	9:00		No Mass
Saturday		November 28	
	5:00		All Departed Members of St. Mary's
	7:30		All Sick Members of St. Mary's
Sunday		November 29 ~ Official Date of	
		St. Mary's Canonical Establishment	
		as a Parish in 1870. Happy 150th	
		Birthday St. Mary's!	
	7:30		All St. Mary's Senior Citizens
	9:30		All St. Mary's Children and Teens
	11:30		All the Families of St. Mary's Parish



THANKSGIVING DAY MASS: Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 AM, Thursday, November 26, in Fr. Haley Hall. A collection basket will be placed and funds donated to the Holliston Food Pantry. Due to the Pandemic there is no food blessing or reception this year. No advance sign up is needed, please enter through the double glass parking lot doors.

DAILY MASSES & FUNERALS: Moved to Father Haley Hall through December 18 as the church repainting and repairs begin. The church will be deep cleaned every Saturday morning, allowing Weekend Masses to continue in the main church during the project. Thank you for your patience and flexibility as our church interior is repaired and repainted for the first time since 1994!

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 508-429-4427, or email st.marys1870@gmail.com.

ADVENT STARTS NEXT SUNDAY!



ADVENT STARTS NOVEMBER 29: The Pandemic has forced the cancellation of many of our beloved, communal Advent Offerings. This year families will need to be creative in bringing Advent alive at home, especially for children. You will receive a number of online Advent resources in your upcoming St. Mary's December Newsletter. But we recommend you start planning NOW – **especially by ordering/buying an Advent Wreath if your family does not own one.**

The December Newsletter contains a beautiful explanation and weekly prayers to help get the most out of this Catholic family tradition. Watch for it!

LIVESTREAMED ADVENT MINI-RETREAT: This will be celebrated on the First Sunday of Advent, November 29, from 2:00 to 3:00 PM in the church with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Deacon Ron Dowding will offer his reflection for Advent entitled "Bethlehem, City of Bread". The Retreat will be livestreamed to <https://www.facebook.com/MusicAtStMarysHolliston>. Put it in your calendar today!

GIVE A GIFT ~ DECEMBER 5 AND 6 AT ALL MASSES: Once again we ask the people of St. Mary's to help make Christmas truly a season of sharing. All items go to needy families in Boston, and are distributed through two inner city Catholic parishes. Please bring an article of new clothing and a new toy, unwrapped together in a plain bag or gift bag with a tag stating "Boy" or "Girl" and size or age up to age 18. No adult gifts please. Kindly place your gift in front of St. Mary's altar at any Mass the weekend of December 5 & 6. Gift bags only please – no wrapping as they need to see what the gift is for proper distribution. ***The Pandemic has hit inner city, low income families especially hard. Many are in service industries and have been laid off, many have jobs that cannot be done from home. Please be generous!***





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. Our Fall Season on the Centrality of the Eucharist has ended; however, WINGS is pleased to offer three Advent Mornings of Prayer with speaker Crista Mahoney, who will offer an opportunity to be together in stillness, prayer, and reflection. Each week we will explore the different themes of Advent - Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love - as we focus on creating stillness in our hearts to hear God moving in our world. We hope you will join us on Wednesday, December 2, 9, and 16 at 10:00 AM via Zoom. A donation of \$10 is suggested to help cover the cost of the professional speaker. Make checks payable to St. Mary's Parish and mail to Betty Febo at 41 Holly Lane, Holliston, MA 01746. All are welcome to attend, regardless of ability to pay. If you have received our Fall Season reminders, you will automatically be sent the Advent Zoom link.

NEXT SUNDAY IS ADVENT, BUT TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING!

On the last Sunday of each liturgical year, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Christ the King. Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 with his encyclical *Quas Primas* ("In the first") to respond to growing nationalism and secularism. He recognized that these related societal ills would breed increasing hostility against the Church. His encyclical reminds the faithful that while governments and philosophies come and go, Christ reigns as king forever.

The Kingdom is Holistic: The kingdom, already present and growing in our midst, engages us at every level of our being and reminds us of the principle of discernment which Pope Paul VI applied to true development: it must be directed to 'all men and the whole man'. – Pope Francis, *Evangelii gaudium*, 181

Secularism divides our public selves from our private selves. When governments limit the rights of religious ministries, secularists claim that religious freedom is not harmed because we still have freedom of worship – we are free in private but not in public. But the kingdom of God calls us to a whole life of worship and service in the public square. We cannot worship on Sunday and then deny Christ's teaching in the way we run our ministries throughout the week. Nationalism, on the other hand, divides our loyalties. It is good to love one's country, but ultimate loyalty is due only to Christ and his kingdom. Ideologies that ask us to put our nation above Christ and his Church are incompatible with service to the kingdom.



The Kingdom Demands Discipleship: Jesus is the center of creation; and so the attitude demanded of us as true believers is that of recognizing and accepting in our lives the centrality of Jesus Christ, in our thoughts, in our words and in our works. – Homily of Pope Francis, Solemnity of Christ the King, November 24, 2013

We must work every day, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to draw closer to Jesus. In our own increasingly "post-Christian" society, we cannot be complacent in our spiritual lives. To acknowledge the kingship of Christ means that we should dedicate ourselves to prayer, to building up our families and our parish communities, and to bringing healing to a broken world.

The Kingdom is Humble: Jesus inaugurates a kingdom that grows through humble acts of service. Even as her freedom to carry out her ministries is threatened, the Church must patiently continue to serve the poor, educate the young, welcome the migrant, visit the prisoner, heal the sick, bury the dead, and love others. The kingdoms of this world at times are sustained by arrogance, rivalries and oppression; the reign of Christ is a 'kingdom of justice, love and peace.' For a Christian, speaking of power and strength means referring to the power of the Cross, and the strength of Jesus' love: a love which remains steadfast and complete, even when faced with rejection, and it is shown as the fulfillment of a life expended in the total surrender of oneself for the benefit of humanity. – Angelus Address of Pope Francis, Solemnity of Christ the King, November 22, 2015

CEMETERY REQUESTS: In preparation for the upcoming winter season, please remove all plant, chime, birdfeeder and ornamental hangers from your Cemetery Lots. With the ground becoming frozen, they can be very dangerous if broken or leaning into the right of way of funeral vehicles. St. Mary's has begun compiling our own historical cemetery documents and those of the Archdiocese regarding rules and regulations pertaining to the maintenance of our beautiful grounds.



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.

III BANS OF MARRIAGE: Astrid Bachman & Jose Cordero



**All Christmas 2020 Masses will be
by advance Sign-Up Only,
(no walk ins).**

**Only in this way can we assure that there is a seat waiting
for all who come. With seating greatly reduced by the
pandemic, we want to make certain that there is
“room at the inn!”**

A Sign-Up link for Christmas will be emailed to all
Parishioners, and will also be available on the Parish Website,
on **Monday, December 14.**

You may also register by phone as of December 14
through Noon on Wednesday, December 23.

Online Sign-Ups will end at Midnight,
Wednesday, December 23.

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).

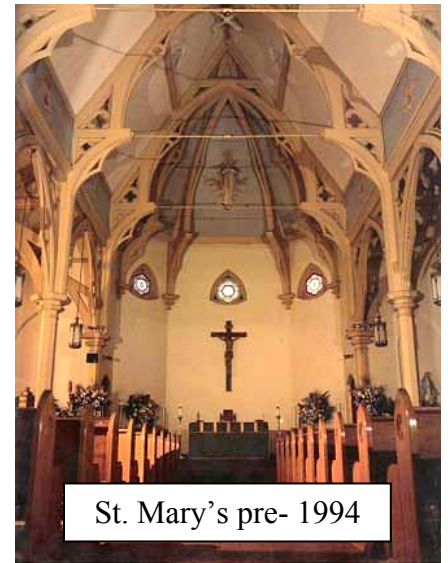
Please note that these rules have been mandated for all churches for health safety compliance. We did not devise them, we are just following them in order to reopen.

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. 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>



St. Mary's pre- 1994

Watch Video

WORSHIPING VIRTUALLY WITH ST. MARY'S

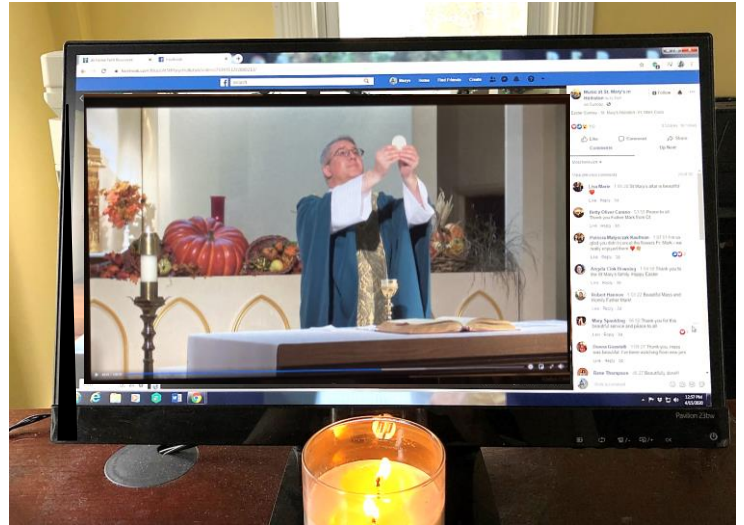
PREPARING A PLACE TO PRAY:

Pick a place where you will be as free from as many distractions as you can. A TV or Radio in the background will never let you listen to the service, or God. So do your best to rearrange a spot and be sure to shut off your cellphone entirely.

Set your laptop, iPad or phone into a good position on a table. Clear everything else off.

If you have a candle, put that near you. An Icon, Cross, or Statue of Mary is great, too.

Print out and have handy the Mass Readings: www.magnificat.com/free.




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

Throughout time, Almighty God has moved people to set apart places to pray, to worship, and to meet with God. Almighty God, we thank you for making us in Your image, for making Your presence known, and for calling us to know You. We set apart this time and this place for Your worship. Sanctify it all, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. May all we do here be to Your glory. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

At this time, light your candle.

COMMUNION TIME: If watching Mass, make an Act of Spiritual Communion at Communion time.



SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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 PANDEMIC.

VIRTUAL 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/>



Religious Education

IMPORTANT COVID NOTICE: Please note that if the Town of Holliston is classified in the RED ZONE due to COVID-19, then in-person classes will not be in session. This is in line with the Archdiocesan Guidelines and do not reflect what the public school guidelines are for health and safety during the pandemic.

GRADE K-7 NOTICE: Families must check their child's grade level LINKS each week for updated sessions. The sessions are constantly being developed and automatically populated on each grade level link. Please use the **Grade Level Calendars** provided for your child to follow and complete the sessions.

DAY	GRADE	MODEL
Sun., Nov. 22	GR-9 at 4:30 PM	Remote - Zoom
Sun. Nov 29	GR-K at 10:00 AM	Remote - Zoom
Tues., Dec. 01	GR-10 at 6:30 PM	Remote - Zoom
Thur., Dec. 03	GR-10 at 6:30 PM	Remote - Zoom
Sun., Dec. 06	GR-10 at 2:30 and 4:30 PM	Remote - Zoom

FIRST COMMUNION: In November St. Mary's welcomed the following children to receive our Lord.
 Gavin Edward Bausch
 Katherine Marie McSherry
 Isabella Elizabeth Napoli

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 10: Tuesday, December 1 and Thursday, December 3, from 6:30 to 8:30 PM via Zoom. Virtual Zoom session are also on Sunday, November 15 for Grade 10 from 2:30 to 4:00 PM and 4:30 – 6:00 PM. Jake will inform families when in person classes will resume.

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.

ADVENT MINI-RETREAT

**The First Sunday of Advent
November 29, 2020
From 2:00–3:00 PM
In the church with Exposition
of the Blessed Sacrament**



**Deacon Ron Dowding will offer
his reflection for Advent on
“Bethlehem, City of Bread”
(Live Streamed)**

Receive the Lord anew this Christmas. Prepare your hearts for the season of Advent by spending one hour of prayer and reflection with Jesus before the busyness of Christmas comes upon us.

On the Advent wreath are four candles: three purple candles and one pink candle. As a whole, these colored Advent candles represent the coming of the light of Christ into the world.

Each week of Advent on Sunday, a particular Advent candle is lit. Catholic tradition states that the four candles, representing the four weeks of Advent, each stand for one thousand years, to total the 4,000 years from the time of Adam and Eve until the birth of the Savior.

The first purple candle is lit. This candle is typically called the "Prophecy Candle" in remembrance of the prophets, primarily Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ: *Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.* (Isaiah 7:14). This first candle represents HOPE or expectation in anticipation of the coming Messiah.

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. 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.middlesexcac.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.

