





## CARDINAL O'MALLEY STATEMENT FOLLOWING VIOLENCE IN WASHINGTON DC

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*January 7, 2020*

"The beginning of the Prayer of St. Francis is familiar to most of us: *"Lord, make me an instrument of your peace"*. And it is peace we need in our nation today, united by the common good of our people. The violence witnessed in our nation's capital yesterday serves only to inflame our divisions and pit citizen against citizen at a time we need to be united. We reject all forms of violence including the acts of those who stormed our Capitol. We pray for those who lost their lives and for their loved ones and for the injured. We live in a divided nation and the challenges our nation faces are significant.

Our recovery from yesterday's assault will require the best talents of our civic leaders. Very soon President-elect Biden and Vice President-elect Harris will be sworn in to lead our country. In the spirit of what makes America a beacon of light and democracy for the entire world we must set aside our divisions and together go about the work of helping to lift people out of poverty, healing the sick, welcoming the immigrant and address systemic racism, and many other tasks.

Let us heed the words of St. Francis' simple prayer: *"where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy."*



# St. Mary's Parish



## Our Mission:

*"To know Christ and  
to make Him known."*

### Mass Schedule:

Monday through Friday  
9:00 AM

Saturday Vigils  
5:00 PM  
7:30 PM

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

Holy Days: Announced

### Adoration Schedule:

First Fridays from  
9:30-10:30 AM

8 Church St., Holliston, MA 01746

Website: [www.stmarysholliston.com](http://www.stmarysholliston.com)

Email Address: [St.Marys1870@gmail.com](mailto:St.Marys1870@gmail.com)

Rectory Phone: 429 - 4427

Religious Education Phone: 429 - 6076

**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 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 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!

## 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

## ALERT - FIRE RISK TO ST. MARY'S:

About a month ago, someone got into St. Mary's Church at night, placed tea light candles in front of the statue of St. Michael, and left them burning. This past Thursday morning, we found seven burned out tea light candles right up against the center front wooden doors of our wooden church. Please help us keep an eye out for whoever is putting our church at such risk, and call the Holliston Police immediately if you see any suspicious activity. When you walk or drive by, please make a habit of glancing towards our church. With many eyes, hopefully we can identify the person/s responsible. Thank you.

## PRAYERS AND MASS INTENTIONS:

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>January 9</b>
5:00	Dianne Gootman
7:30	People of St. Mary's
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 10</b>
7:30	Theresa Merski
9:30	Walter Baker
11:30	John and Gloria Sullivan
<b>Monday</b>	<b>January 11</b>
9:00	Vasco Brovelli
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>January 12</b>
9:00	William Flannery, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Anv.
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>January 13</b>
9:00	Lisa Gillam
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>January 14</b>
9:00	Elisabeth Kuhner
<b>Friday</b>	<b>January 15</b>
9:00	Stanley Haberski
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>January 16</b>
5:00	Frank and Lucy Simonetti
7:30	Brenda Chamberlain
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 17</b>
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Patrick McDonald
11:30	George Bourque

**THE ROSE FOR LIFE:** Is sponsored this week by John and Joan Cocchiarella. Please join them in prayer for an unborn child. If you wish to sponsor the Rose in 2021 please call the Rectory at 429-4427.



# Saint Mary's Parish

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

January 10, 2021  
Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

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

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord – a Feast that marks the last day of the Christmas Season and the first day of Ordinary time. In Baptism, it is said that the water makes us holy. But at His Baptism it was Jesus who made the water holy, so that we all might be baptized into Him. Being sinless, Jesus had no need to be baptized. But as in all things, He showed us the way by His own example. He demonstrated that He never asks us to do anything that He Himself was not willing to humbly undergo.

Today's Gospel tells us that at His Baptism, Jesus rose from the waters and *"the heavens were torn open."* To fully understand the significance of this, we must remember that the ancient Jews saw heaven and earth as being separated by a barrier. Heaven and earth, God and man, these things were divided and apart. The prophet Isaiah, for instance, had prayed to God begging *"Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down."* (IS 64:1) This prayer was answered nine months before Christmas, when Jesus came down from heaven and took up residence in Mary's womb. And then, on the day of Jesus' Baptism, the heavens are torn open again – not this time so that God can come down, but so that through Baptism all mankind may ascend.

To be baptized is to die with Christ and receive the promise of eternal life in Him. It is to be washed clean of the inheritance of original sin and adopted by God Himself. The inheritance of God's children is eternal life. This is shown beautifully in chapter seven of the Acts of the Apostles, where we find recorded the very first death of a baptized Christian. Stephen, in the midst of being martyred by stoning, lifts his eyes and says, *"Behold, I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God."* Just as the heavens were opened at Jesus' Baptism, so the heavens open again as Jesus' follower Stephen is dying. That is Baptism's great gift and promise. That when we die, the way to heaven will not be closed. There will be no barrier between us and God. Rather, when the light of life fades, we shall see only Jesus, and the heavens opening above.

God bless you.

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

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On this last day of the Christmas Season, let us each consider our own Baptismal commitment to the Lord. Let us seek even more fervently to be His faithful sons and daughters – living, loving and forgiving as Jesus taught. There is no better time. For as author Howard Thurman so beautifully expressed ...

***"When the song of the angels is stilled,  
When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the kings and princes are home,  
When the shepherds are back with their flocks,  
The work of Christmas begins:  
To find the lost,  
To heal the broken,  
To feed the hungry,  
To release the prisoner,  
To rebuild the nations,  
To bring peace among brothers,  
To make music in the heart."***



# STEWARDS

## IN ALL SEASONS

### LAST SUNDAY'S PARISH OFFERTORY:

Automatic Giving: \$ 5,811.00  
 WeShare: \$ 2,725.63  
 Offertory Envelopes  
 Dropped off/mailed in: \$ 6,966.00

**Total Offertory: \$ 15,502.63**

Thank you for your faithful stewardship!

### SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND:

#### "Holliston – Holy Land Friendship Scholarship."



This Scholarship will fully fund the education of one boy and one girl for a year at the Patriarchate School of our Sister Parish, Our Lady's in

Beit Sahour - the *Shepherd's Fields* outside Bethlehem. The Inaugural Scholarship recipients are Andrea Elias Salim Jaraisseh, (he goes by Andy), 11 years old, Grade 5; and Malak Majdi Hanna Odeh, 15 years old, Grade 9, photos above. Thank you!

### POINSETTIAS – TODAY, SUNDAY, JANUARY 10:

After the 11:30 AM Mass today, Sunday, January 10 please feel free to take home one or two of the beautiful poinsettias. These lovely plants should last several more weeks if watered carefully and protected from the cold. Please maintain social distancing when you come forward to get a poinsettia.

### START THE NEW YEAR 2021 WITH

**THE SACRAMENT OF LOVE:** In recognition of the Archdiocesan Year of the Eucharist, St. Mary's will offer a discussion session of Pope Benedict's 2007 Post-synodal Exhortation on the Eucharist, *Sacramentum Caritatis* (Sacrament of Love). The group will meet on Zoom, from 10 to 11 AM, on Saturday, January 16 and 23. Contact Leo Racine at 508-429-7476 or [leoaracine@msn.com](mailto:leoaracine@msn.com) for information about, or to register for the program.

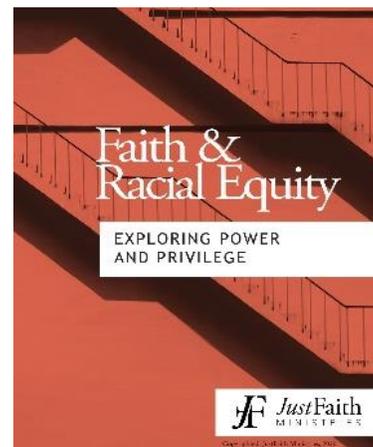
### DO YOU WANT TO ADDRESS RACISM IN YOUR COMMUNITY, BUT YOU DON'T KNOW WHERE TO BEGIN?

Presented through the lens of the Christian tradition, JustFaith Ministries' *Faith & Racial Equity*:

*Exploring Power & Privilege* is an eight-

session program that awakens individuals and groups to racial injustices within our systems and structures that empower some and oppress others. For more information about this thought-provoking and timely program, you can watch a YouTube video at <https://bit.ly/3bac1iK>. *Faith and Racial Equity: Exploring Power and Privilege* will be presented via Zoom. It begins at 7:00 PM on Sunday, January 31.

To register, contact Leo Racine at [leoaracine@msn.com](mailto:leoaracine@msn.com) or Michelle Cuff at [michcuff@yahoo.com](mailto:michcuff@yahoo.com).



**PANTRY SHELF REMINDER:** 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 Soup, Chicken Noodle Soup, Chunky Peanut Butter, Canned Fruit, Brownie Mix and kids snacks. Place donations in the black box outside. Thank you!

**K OF C BLOOD DRIVE NEXT SATURDAY:** January 16, 2021, in St. Mary's Father Haley Hall, the Council will sponsor its annual Red Cross Blood Drive. Hours are from 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, appointments are required, no walk-ins will be allowed. To schedule an appointment, contact 1-800-REDCROSS or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and search by zip code (01746) in the "Find a Blood Drive" field for the 1/16/2021 Blood Drive. For information, contact the K of C Council #14224 Blood Drive coordinator, Rodman Burgett at 508-653-6130.





**HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE:** A Holy Hour for Life with Adoration, Music and Benediction will be held on Monday, January 18 at 7 PM at St. Mary's Church in Holliston. It will be presided by Fr. Michael Zimmerman, who will witness to the cause for life and the power of the Eucharist. Deacon John Barry will assist.

This Holy Hour is held in observance of the National Day of Prayer and Penance, which supports in prayer those attending the annual March for Life pilgrimage to Washington, D.C. We will pray also for anyone affected by life's tragedies, including those who have been wounded by the Covid pandemic, abortion, euthanasia or suicide.

Let us pray for a greater awareness and respect for the dignity of all human life – from the moment of conception to natural death, and that those who govern us may be guided by justice, truth, and a love for the gift of life.

The Holy Hour for Life is organized by the Boston Deacons for Life in collaboration with the Pro-Life Office of the Archdiocese of Boston. Please join us, all are welcome!

**WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS:** *“Every baptized person should consider that it is in the womb of the Church where he is transformed from a child of Adam to a child of God.”* - St. Vincent Ferrer

**TAX STATEMENTS:** Tax statements for fiscal year 2020 are currently being prepared and will be mailed out in the coming weeks. If you have any questions regarding your statement please call the rectory at 429-4427. St. Mary's is grateful to all those who faithfully use Our Sunday Visitor envelopes and those who use direct banking and WeShare. If using envelopes, please remember to write the enclosed amount on the outside. If this is done, the money counters only have to verify the contents. If it is not done, then they also have to write the amount for you, which adds substantially to the time needed to count the collection for deposit. If they do not notate the unwritten amount, it may be recorded as “0”. Thank you!

women in  
**WINGS**  
God's spirit

**SAVE THE DATES ~ WINGS WINTER PROGRAM ~**

**WEDNESDAYS, JANUARY 27 - FEBRUARY 24, 2021:** (Women in God's Spirit) is pleased and excited to present our 2021 Winter Bible Study via Zoom. Building on the theme of the Centrality of the Eucharist which we began in the fall, WINGS has chosen Kevin Perrotta's John 1-10, I am the Bread of Life as our guide. Please note that it is not mandatory to purchase the book to participate in the Winter Bible Study if it is a hardship for your family. WINGS will share references to the relevant bible verses with you each week and may even be able to provide you with a book. Please use the email below if you are not able to purchase a book but would like one. WINGS charges dues of \$10 per

season; however, all women are most welcome regardless of ability to pay. Details of the Winter Program will be announced in upcoming bulletins and on [www.facebook.com/WingsHolliston](http://www.facebook.com/WingsHolliston). You may email us to register at [stmaryswingssecretary@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryswingssecretary@gmail.com) or call Jen @ 617-852-9632. WINGS welcomes you in 2021!

# 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, but we must follow 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 140 -150 people per Mass (usually 600). Sign Ups are here: <https://stmarysholliston.com/>

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. 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 arrange 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: <https://bible.usccb.org/daily-bible-reading>.

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.*



## Act of 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.

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

**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.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES 2021:** Classes will continue remotely until the Archdiocese of Boston states that it is safe to allow small group gatherings.

**GRADE K-7 NOTICE:** Families must check their child's grade level LINKS for updated sessions weekly as sessions for each grade are in constant development. Since families have expressed difficulty keeping up with the lessons, it is important to remember that your children can self-pace the lessons according to your schedule to avoid stress in completing the sessions. However, the sessions should be completed by June 30, 2021.

**THE FAMILY ROSARY**

**MISSION:** The Family Rosary Mission is an initiative to invite families to pray the Rosary together. Join us again this Sunday, January 10 at St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Norwood to pray the Rosary at 4:00 PM. The Rosary will be live-streamed. Families anywhere can pray with families from other parishes by going to:



[www.stcatherinenorwood.org](http://www.stcatherinenorwood.org)

**CONFIRMATION II – GRADE 10:** Classes resume for Grade 10 on Tuesday, January 12 and Thursday, January 14, 2021 virtually. See the chart below:

DAY	GRADE	MODEL
Sun., Jan. 10	GR-9 at 4:00 PM	Remote - Zoom
Sun., Jan. 10	GR-10 at 6:30 PM	Remote - Zoom
Tues., Jan. 12	GR-10 at 6:30 PM	Remote - Zoom
Thur., Jan. 14	GR-10 at 6:30 PM	Remote - Zoom

**GRADE LEVEL SAFETY SESSIONS:** Beginning in January through April Grades 1 – 7 will have a “Keeping Children Safe” session scheduled. This year due to the pandemic these safety sessions will be recorded and presented to the families to preview. All parishes are required to offer these safety classes each year. The program is designed to teach both the spiritual and personal content of safety lessons that will help empower children to recognize situations that are unsafe and dangerous. The content of the program is blended into the religious education program during the year with one designation session for each grade level. The lessons are rule based such as safety at home, at school, fire safety, gun safety, home alone, bullying, neglect, physical abuse, emotional abuse and the touching rules. Once parents have had the opportunity to review the material in text form and video they can decide to opt-out their child from a virtual class. It is important that as children develop through their childhood they understand the safety rules. The safety lessons progress in grade level material each year to inform and provide the children and young teens a means to recognize and get out of a dangerous situation and ask for help when needed. Documents will be sent out this week by email to families explaining the safety program.

**GRADE 7 CHASTITY PROGRAM:** After speaking with Linda Thayer, our Chastity speaker from the Archdiocese of Boston, she gave us permission to use her Power Point presentation on this topic. After we review the contents of the files, dates will be set up to have a virtual session for Grade 7. Families will have the chance to view the presentation and material before their 7<sup>th</sup> graders have the opportunity.

**TEACHER COORDINATOR MEETINGS:** Grade Coordinators will be scheduling Zoom meetings with their teachers with Fran as host. Once the Coordinators have provided their dates, the teachers will be invited to join.

**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/>

## THE BAPTISM OF JESUS



In the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke we read about John the Baptist preaching to the crowd that the kingdom of God is at hand and to repent of their sins through the cleansing power of water.

One may wonder why Jesus went to the Jordan River to be baptized. It is clear to us that Jesus, the second Person of the Blessed Trinity, did not need baptism because He is God and sinless. Yet Jesus was willing to humble Himself for our sake and become the perfect remedy to fulfill God's plan for the salvation of our souls.

Christ's baptism signified the beginning of His ministry to proclaim the Kingdom of God. He would gather His chosen twelve and go out through Galilee preaching to the people who hoped that Isaiah's prophecy of a Messiah would be fulfilled and relieve them from their oppression and despair under Roman rule. Jesus came to gather the tribes of Israel and the world back to God the Father through His sacrifice on the Cross and become the new Temple, His Mystical Body, the Church. Since we are the Mystical Body of Christ through our baptism we are commissioned by Christ to convert the heart of the world.

## 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](mailto: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](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.middlesexcac.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.

