

St. Mary's Parish

Our Mission:

"To know Christ and to make Him known."

Mass Schedule:

Monday through Friday
9:00 AM

Saturday Vigils
5:00 PM
7:30 PM

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

Holy Days: Announced

Adoration Schedule:

First Fridays from
9:30-10:30 AM

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

Please join in!

Confession: Currently by appointment only due to 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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January 17, 2021
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

A dramatic change greets us as we enter the church building this weekend. Gone are the evergreens, poinsettias, and lights of the Christmas Season. In their place is the simplicity of Ordinary Time. The term "ordinary" comes from the word "ordinal," meaning "counted." Ordinary Time then, means "counted time," not time that is common or mundane. The count began anew last Sunday with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, and will continue uninterrupted until Ash Wednesday, February 17. We might think of it as a countdown to salvation and the day we stand face to face with God. May we make the best and most generous use of the limited time each of us possesses in this passing life as we prepare for the eternal life to come.

The green color worn during these days of Ordinary Time has traditionally been associated with new life and growth. In Hebrew, for instance, the same word for the color "green" also means "young." Some may remember the beautiful prayer with which the priest and people used to begin every Mass: "Introibo ad altare Dei. Ad deum qui laetificat juventutem meam." "I will go in to the altar of God. To God Who gives joy to my youth." By His Birth, Life, Death and Resurrection, Christ has remade and revitalized the whole world, making us all young in our hope for eternal life in Him.

Today we hear John the Baptist cry out, "Behold the Lamb of God." This phrase appears in Latin in our St. Mary's church window of John the Baptist, "Ecce Agnus Dei." And of course it appears in our liturgy, when the priest holds up the Eucharistic Host – reminding us that the very same Jesus to Whom John pointed at the riverside, has now come down among us in the Body and the Blood.

It would have been easy for John to feel jealous of Jesus, Who would supplant his own ministry. After all, before Jesus arrived, John was the one who drew huge crowds to hear God's Word and invitation to repentance. But John had the precious gift of humility. He realized that by making room for Jesus, and trying to bring others to know Jesus as the Lamb of God, he was fulfilling the noblest work possible.

How do we react when someone comes along whose own gifts outshine our own? Do we feel threatened or jealous? Or do we pray for them, encourage them, and celebrate what they have to offer? Doing so is possible only if we are confident in our own worth as sons and daughters of God. When we remember that the phrase "Lamb of God," is a sacrificial one. And that Jesus valued each and every one of us enough to lay down His life to save us from our sins.

May the Lord of Our Journey continue to bless you and yours.

Under His Mercy,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark J. Coiro'. The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping flourish that loops back under the name.

Rev. Mark J. Coiro
Pastor

P.S. In honor of Martin Luther King, the American flag has been placed in our sanctuary this weekend and the closing Mass hymn is the Battle Hymn of the Republic. This song was first associated with efforts to end slavery and then with the Civil Rights movement. Recent events have revealed the deep divide that still exists between the races in our country, and the need to educate ourselves and the next generation as to the equality and dignity of all human persons before God. This includes the innocent unborn, for whom the whole Church will pray in penance on Friday, January 22. In the end, peace will only come when all human life is recognized and revered as a precious and inviolate gift.

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December 23rd 2020

Rev. Mark Coiro
Saint Mary's Parish
708 Washington Street
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Dear Fr. Coiro:

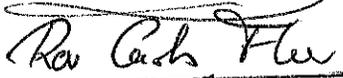
Once again, we at Saint Mary of the Angels are deeply grateful to you and your parishioners for your generosity to some of our parishioners and also to others who live within our parish boundaries. Thanks to your parishioners and those of St. Edwards in Medfield, we were able to give gifts to many children whose families are struggling during this time.

So many in our community walked away with smiles on their face. We thank you for all the generosity you showed to those in need during this time of year.

We are so thankful for our relationship with you and look forward to more opportunities to bring our two parish communities together to celebrate all that God gives us.

Thank you and your parishioners once again for your generous support.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rev Carlos Flor". The signature is written in black ink and is enclosed within a hand-drawn oval shape.

Rev. Carlos Flor, Pastor

Please join us in a
Holy Hour for Life

Monday, January 18th at 7pm



St. Mary's Church, Holliston, Massachusetts

Fr. Michael Zimmerman Presiding

Attend in person or virtually at

<https://www.facebook.com/MusicAtStMarysHolliston/>

Or on Holliston Cable Access:

Verizon Fios Ch. 33 or Comcast Xfinity Ch. 96

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

PRAYERS AND MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday	January 16
5:00	Frank and Lucy Simonetti
7:30	Brenda Chamberlain
Sunday	January 17
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Patrick McDonald
11:30	George Bourque
Monday	January 18
9:00	Peace & Racial Harmony in the World
Tuesday	January 19
9:00	Paul T. Shea and Emma Zeramby
Wednesday	January 20
9:00	Peggy Short
Thursday	January 21
9:00	Those who have lost their way.
Friday	January 22 ~ Day of Prayer & Fasting for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children and of Penance for Acts Against Them.
Saturday	January 23
5:00	Vasco and Pauline Brovelli
7:30	John Hand
Sunday	January 24
7:30	Anthony T. Merski
9:30	People of St. Mary's
11:30	Christopher Whyte

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

WISDOM FOR TROUBLED TIMES:

"In difficult moments I will fix my gaze upon the silent Jesus, stretched upon the Cross, and from the exploding flames of His merciful heart, will flow down upon me power and strength to keep fighting."
 - Saint Faustina



"I think peace will be a long time coming. But our faith teaches us that we must always keep on hoping, we shall enjoy it one day." - St. Pier Giorgio Frassati

"I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone."
 - Thomas Merton

"No one heals himself by wounding another."
 - Saint Ambrose

"And every day, when your heart especially feels the loneliness of life, pray." - St. Padre Pio



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

SECOND COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND:

"Holliston - Holy Land Friendship Scholarship," \$3,497.00. Thank you!

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND:

Next week's second collection supports the Church in Latin America (CLA). The CLA provides support for pastoral projects in financially poor dioceses in Latin America and the Caribbean. CLA funds catechetical and lay leadership programs, youth ministry, evangelization programs, and formation programs for religious, priests, and deacons. CLA is making it possible for the Catholic faithful in the Western hemisphere to help each other. Please visit <https://www.usccb.org/committees/church-latin-america> for detailed information.

PARISH OFFERTORY LAST WEEKEND:

Automatic Giving:	\$ 847.75
WeShare:	\$ 9,504.89
Offertory Envelopes Dropped/mailed to the office:	\$ 7,977.00
Total Offertory:	\$ 18,329.64

Thank you for your faithful stewardship!

We urge all parishioners to please make the switch to Automatic Giving or WeShare. These online services protect your Parish from the impact of travel, illness, severe weather, etc. They allow you to maintain your support without having to remember to mail or drop off envelopes. Learn how to do make the switch at: <https://stmarysholliston.com/how-to-give/>.

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!



HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE: A Holy Hour for Life with Adoration, Music and Benediction will be held tomorrow Monday, January 18 at 7 PM in 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. Attend in person or virtually at <https://www.facebook.com/MusicAtStMarysHolliston/> or on Holliston Cable Access: Verizon Fios Ch. 33 or Comcast Xfinity Ch. 96. Please join us, all are welcome!



DO YOU WANT TO LEARN HOW TO SEEK RACIAL EQUITY WITHIN YOUR FAMILY, CHURCH, AND COMMUNITY? JustFaith Ministries' Faith & Racial Equity: Exploring Power & Privilege is an eight-session program that includes Scriptural grounding, reflection on past and present racial injustices, and conversation about how power and privilege have contributed to racial inequity. The program includes wisdom from racial justice leaders and tools to help you discern action steps for seeking racial justice. For more information, view a video about the program at <https://bit.ly/3bacl1k>. 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 leoracine@msn.com or Michelle Cuff at michcuff@yahoo.com.

SAVE THE DATES ~ WINGS WINTER PROGRAM, WEDNESDAYS, JANUARY 27 - FEBRUARY 24, 2021: WINGS (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. Deacon Ron Dowding will kick off our Winter Program with an inspiring introduction to the masterfully written Gospel of John. Books are available to purchase through Amazon or Loyola Press. You can also purchase a Kindle version through Amazon. Please note that it is not mandatory to purchase the book to participate in the Winter Bible Study. WINGS will share references to the relevant bible verses with you each week. 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 an upcoming bulletin and on www.facebook.com/WingsHolliston. Email smaryswingssecretary@gmail.com to register or call Diane at 508-259-7795.

HOW TO ATTEND WEEKEND MASS ~ SAFETY 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>



Watch This 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 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 in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely 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 January 17 at St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Norwood at 4:00 PM for the Rosary. The Rosary will be live-streamed. Families anywhere can pray with families from other parishes by going to:
www.stcatherinenorwood.org



CONFIRMATION I AND II: Please see the chart below for Grades 9 and 10. Classes for Grades 9 and 10 are ninety minutes and for Grade 8, one hour and fifteen minutes.

DAY	GRADE	MODEL
Tues., Jan. 19	GR-9 at 6:30 PM	Remote - Zoom
Thur., Jan. 21	GR-9 at 6:30 PM	Remote - Zoom
Sun., Jan. 31	GR-9 at 6:30 PM	Remote - Zoom
Tues., Jan. 26	GR-10 at 6:30 PM	Remote - Zoom
Thur., Jan. 28	GR-10 at 6:30 PM	Remote - Zoom
Sun., Feb. 21	GR-10 at 2:00 PM And 4:30 PM	Remote - Zoom
Mon., Jan. 25	GR-8 at 6:00 PM	Remote - Zoom
Wed., Jan. 27	GR-8 at 6:00 PM	Remote - Zoom

MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY: On Monday, January 18 our nation celebrates Martin Luther King Day. He was a pivotal advocate for African Americans during the Civil Rights Movement in the United States during the 1960's. Dr. King had experienced racism as a young boy and this moved him later in life to change the way the people were treated because of the color of their skin. He received a doctorate degree in theology and became a pastor in Alabama. His peaceful and nonviolent marches and protests to enlighten the people of the injustice and inequality that existed changed the nation. Because of King's efforts laws were passed to bring equality to the African American people. Dr. King never gave up hope and frowned upon any violence to make the changes needed to end the injustice and fight for equality. His peaceful marches and speeches were known around the world and in 1964 was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. Jesus proclaimed nonviolence and to love God and our neighbor. He also pointed out the unjust treatment against the people of His time and taught us to care for the poor and disadvantaged. Dr. Martin Luther King had a dream and he spoke with boldness and courage to raise the consciousness of people and remind us of this Truth so that all people can be free and equal. He died a martyr to set his race of people free. Although prejudice fuels the fire of violence even today, let us pause on his day of remembrance and ponder how Dr. King was able to peacefully change the lives of so many people by living out his faith in God. For this cause his life was silenced by a gunman's bullet as King stood on a patio with his friends. Let us pray for peace and unity in our nation each day and recognize one another with dignity as true brothers and sisters in Christ, Jesus.

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.
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