







# 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

**THE ROSE FOR LIFE:** Is sponsored this week by Liz Theiler in memory of George and Emelia Bourque. 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.



**SCOUT SUNDAY:** Troop 14 invites all of our fellow Scouts, Cub Scouts and Scout Leaders in Holliston to join us next Sunday, February 7 at St. Mary's for the 11:30 AM Scout Sunday Mass. Attend in person (pre-register for the 11:30 AM Mass) or attend virtually (Mass will be livestreamed from St. Mary's on Holliston Cable Access and Facebook).



## Mass Intentions

### Saturday

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### Thursday

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### Saturday

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### Sunday

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### January 30

Martha Phillips

John O'Callahan

### January 31

People of St. Mary's

Mary Miley

Rita Devarakonda

### February 1

Phyllis Weidig

### February 2

Richard Larrow

### February 3

Evan Andrews

### February 4

Linda Grady

### February 5

Fr. Issa & the People of our Sister Parish, Our Lady of Fatima, Beit Sahour

### February 6

Joan Mullen

People of St. Mary's

### February 7

Alice Mulinowskis

David Baker

Scout Sunday Mass



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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

Today we see one of Jesus' first miracles, the expulsion of an unclean spirit from a man He encounters in the Synagogue in Capernaum. This poor man is utterly in thrall to the entity possessing him. The voice coming out of his mouth is not his own voice, begging Jesus for help. Rather, it is the voice of that which has dominated him – a being that feels threatened by the presence of the Son of God. *"What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us?"*

It is important to note just how helpless that poor possessed man was. He was not his true self anymore, his dignity and freedom had been stolen away. Perhaps you know someone in a similar situation. Someone not spiritually possessed, but still in the thrall of something so powerful they seem hopeless and lost. They may have an addiction – to drugs, to alcohol, to pornography, or some other deadly thing.

The man possessed by the unclean spirit was *"in the synagogue on the Sabbath."* And it may be you, sitting here in God's House today, who is feeling helpless – overwhelmed by an addiction, or a burden, or an impulse that is beyond your control. It may be you that feels you are losing yourself as anger, or fear, or lust, or grief, or jealousy, or some other evil takes hold in your life. You may find yourself watching as if from a distance as you say and do things that shame you. As you make choices that hurt the people you care most about. As you act in ways that do not represent the kind of person that in your heart of hearts you desperately long to be.

If that is you – or someone you love – then do not despair. Because there is no possession so permanent, no enslavement so total, that Jesus Christ cannot overcome it. *"Be quiet! Come out of him!"* said Jesus to the unclean spirit. *"And the unclean spirit convulsed the man - and with a loud cry came out of him."* Because you see, the unclean spirit had it right all along. Jesus really is the Holy One of God. With power to set us free and restore us to our full dignity as sons and daughters of the Most High.

God bless you!



## BLESSING OF THROATS PROCEDURE

This Wednesday, February 3, the Church celebrates the Feast of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr. On his Feast and the following weekend, it is customary to use blessed candles to offer the Blessing of Throats. Due to the Pandemic, the Blessing will be offered this year to all at once by the priest. Rather than physically touching the St. Blaise candles to the neck of each individual, the candles will be held by the priest in the sanctuary as he blesses all present.

St. Blaise (also spelled Blase and Blasius) was a 3<sup>rd</sup> century physician who became Bishop of Sebaste, Armenia. On one occasion he cured a boy who was choking to death on a fish bone. This was the time of persecution under Licinius, and soon St. Blaise was forced to hide out in a cave on Mt. Argeus. Deprived of human patients, he began tending the wild animals of the surrounding forest. These animals sensed St. Blaise's holiness and would come to him with their injuries. St. Blaise was eventually captured and imprisoned; receiving a gift of candles from the mother of the boy he had saved from choking, with which to light his dark cell. He was beaten, had his flesh torn by wool combs, and was beheaded, martyred along with seven women.

Because of the cure of the boy's throat when the boy was choking, St. Blaise is patron against troubles of the throat. St. Blaise is also the patron of veterinarians and against attacks of wild animals. He is represented in art as a Bishop holding a candle, with wool combs, or in a cave surrounded by wild animals. A framed image of St. Blaise with both candle and wool comb will be placed in the sanctuary Wednesday through next weekend. *"Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."*



## STEWARDSHIP

*Managing God's Gifts To Us*

### SECOND COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND:

Church in Latin America: \$ 1,066.00 Thank you.

### PARISH OFFERTORY LAST WEEKEND:

Automatic Giving: \$ 3,066.50

WeShare: \$ 2,687.53

Offertory Envelopes

Dropped/mailed

to the office: \$ 8,282.00

Total Offertory: \$ 14,036.03

**Offertory Shortfall: - 963.97**

### 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/>.

### WINTER WINGS THIS WEDNESDAY:

Our WINGS (Women in God's Spirit) 2021 Winter Bible Study via Zoom continues this week, Wednesday, February 3 at 10 AM. WINGS has chosen Kevin Perrotta's *"John 1-10, I am the Bread of Life,"* as our guide. Kevin is an award-winning Catholic journalist, author, and a former editor of God's Word Today. (Kevin's photo is above right).



This Winter Season extends our fall theme of the Centrality of the Eucharist.

This week, WINGS member, St. Mary's parishioner and former Director of Religious Education, Ann Chiango, will guide us through Chapter 2 of Kevin Perrotta's book. Please join us even if you don't have access to the study book. Chapter 2 focuses on John 1:35 – 2:12. WINGS charges dues of \$10 per season; however, all women are most welcome regardless of ability to pay. Email [stmaryswingssecretary@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryswingssecretary@gmail.com) to register or call Diane @508-259-7795.

### DO YOU LONG FOR A SAFE SPACE TO ASK HARD QUESTIONS ABOUT RACE AND PRIVILEGE?

JustFaith Ministries' *Faith & Racial Equity: Exploring Power & Privilege* is an eight-session program that explores how racial privilege manifests itself in our daily lives. Topics include race and socialization; affirmative action; the school-to-prison pipeline; racial disparity within the criminal justice system; and tools for combatting racism in our church, workplaces, and cities. For more information click here to view a video about the program 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 today, 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).



**RISE OUT OF HATRED BOOK DISCUSSION:** Are you interested in book discussions? Deacon Marty will be hosting a book discussion on Thursday, February 25, via ZOOM. The discussion will take place from 7:00 PM until 8:30 PM. The book for discussion is "Rising Out of Hatred" by Eli Saslow. If you would like to participate in the discussion please email Deacon Marty at [mebmab4@msn.com](mailto:mebmab4@msn.com). The discussion will be limited to 10 people. A second session can be added if there is sufficient interest. Read Deacon Marty's review of this book on page 15 at: <https://rb.gy/n3rty9>.

**WISDOM FROM POPE FRANCIS:** *"The problem of intolerance must be confronted in all its forms: wherever any minority is persecuted and marginalized because of its religious convictions or ethnic identity, the wellbeing of society as a whole is endangered and each one of us must feel affected."*





## **U.S. Bishops' Pro-Life Chairman Responds to President and Vice President's Statement on Anniversary of Roe v. Wade, January 22, 2021**

WASHINGTON - In a statement today, President Biden and Vice President Harris marked the anniversary of Roe v. Wade, which overturned all limiting restrictions on abortion across the nation, calling the decision an advancement of women's rights and health. Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of Kansas City in Kansas, and chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities responded:

"It is deeply disturbing and tragic that any President would praise and commit to codifying a Supreme Court ruling that denies unborn children their most basic human and civil right, the right to life, under the euphemistic disguise of a health service. I take this opportunity to remind all Catholics that the Catechism states, 'Since the first century the Church has affirmed the moral evil of every procured abortion. This teaching has not changed and remains unchangeable.' Public officials are responsible for not only their personal beliefs, but also the effects of their public actions. Roe's elevation of abortion to the status of a protected right and its elimination of state restrictions paved the way for the violent deaths of more than 62 million innocent unborn children and for countless women who experience the heartache of loss, abandonment, and violence.

"We strongly urge the President to reject abortion and promote life-affirming aid to women and communities in need."

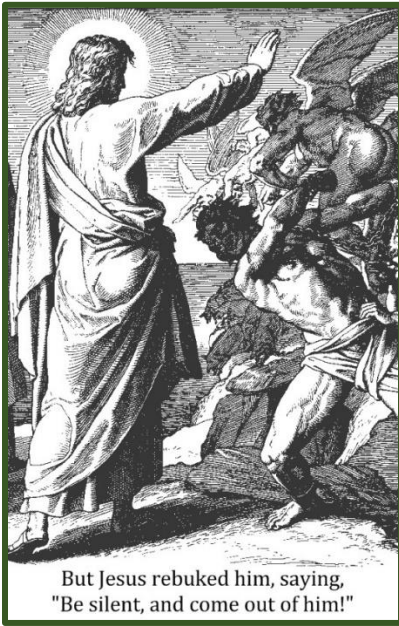
## **U.S. Bishops Decry Executive Order that Promotes Abortion Overseas January 28, 2021**

WASHINGTON – Today, President Joe Biden signed an executive order allowing U.S. taxpayer funds to be sent to organizations that both promote and provide abortions in developing countries. The policy which he overturned, known as both the Mexico City and the Promoting Life in Global Health policy, had separated abortion from family planning activities and ensured U.S. taxpayer dollars only went to organizations that agreed to provide health services in a way that respected the dignity of all persons.

Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of Kansas City in Kansas, and chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities and Bishop David J. Malloy of Rockford, and chairman of the Committee on International Justice and Peace, responded:

"It is grievous that one of President Biden's first official acts actively promotes the destruction of human lives in developing nations. This Executive Order is antithetical to reason, violates human dignity, and is incompatible with Catholic teaching. We and our brother bishops strongly oppose this action. We urge the President to use his office for good, prioritizing the most vulnerable, including unborn children.

As the largest non-government health care provider in the world, the Catholic Church stands ready to work with him and his administration to promote global women's health in a manner that furthers integral human development, safeguarding innate human rights and the dignity of every human life, beginning in the womb. To serve our brothers and sisters with respect, it is imperative that care begin with ensuring that the unborn are free from violence, recognizing every person as a child of God. We hope the new administration will work with us to meet these significant needs."



But Jesus rebuked him, saying,  
"Be silent, and come out of him!"

# 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 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.

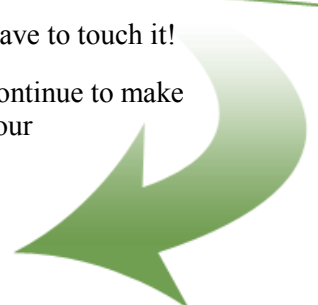
12) Please remove any papers or trash from your pew when you exit and place it in the receptacles provided at the church entrances. Please do not leave anything in the pew where a cleaner would have to touch it!

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 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. See Prayer Left.

**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 31** 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](http://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.

DATE	GRADE	MODEL
Sun., Jan. 31	GR-9 at 6:30 PM	Remote - Zoom
Tues., Feb. 02	GR-9 at 6:30 PM	Remote - Zoom
Thur., Feb. 04	GR-9 at 6:30 PM	Remote - Zoom
Tues. Feb. 09	GR-10 at 6:30 PM	Remote - Zoom
Thur., Feb. 11	GR-10 at 6:30 PM	Remote - Zoom

**GRADE 2 ~ FIRST PENANCE:** At this time the First Penance dates will be scheduled on two weekends in March. The actual times and final dates will be determined once priests can be scheduled to assist with hearing confessions from the second grade children. It is important that the children complete their lessons in the First Penance Book and have the time to review any lessons. A Penance assessment has been sent to the parents to help their children complete it before receiving First Penance. The assessment must be completed by Friday, February 26 for the religious education office to review.

### FIRST PENANCE AND FIRST HOLY

**COMMUNION:** Letters have been mailed to the families who have second grade children preparing for First Penance and First Holy Communion. The dates for First Penance have been scheduled for March and the First Holy Communion Masses have been set for Saturday, June 12 and Saturday, June 19 for 2021. Once families have had time to review the letters we will set up Zoom meetings to meet the families and answer any questions regarding the information within the letter. Any questions regarding the Sacramental Grade 2 program can be directed to:

Fran at [st.marysdre1870@gmail.com](mailto:st.marysdre1870@gmail.com) or to our GR-2 Coordinator, Derri Cole at: [colederr@hotmail.com](mailto:colederr@hotmail.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>.



### Lenten Mini-Retreat "A Lenten Reflection for the Year of the Eucharist."

By Deacon Ron Dowding  
With Eucharistic Adoration  
**Sunday, February 21 at 2 PM**  
In the church and live-streamed.

In person pandemic temperature check-in, hand sanitizing, masks and social distance seating is required.



## The Year of St. Joseph Rosary



Dr. Scott Hahn, one of our leading theologians and a convert to the Catholic Church, calls us to pray the Rosary of St. Joseph (Josary) with meditations on the Joyful Mysteries through the perspective of Joseph as the foster father of Jesus.

The “**Josary**” begins with the Apostles Creed, the Our Father prayer, and the three Hail Mary prayers for Faith, Hope, and Charity and the Glory Be prayer just as if one is praying the Rosary. Then the first Joyful Mystery is the focus (The Annunciation by the Angel Gabriel) to Mary with the focus on Joseph. The Our Father prayer is prayed before the prayer on the ten beads while meditating on the mystery with Joseph in mind. Instead of the “Hail Mary” prayer the following prayer is used:

**Hail Joseph, Son of David, do not fear.  
Jesus will save his people from their sins.  
St. Joseph, Virginal Father of Jesus,  
intercede for us sinners in need. Amen.**

In pondering the first decade of the Joyful Mystery, an angel appears to Joseph and addresses him as Son of David, and tells him to accept Mary as his wife. Joseph is perplexed that he has been chosen by God and filled with grace to carry out God’s plan to care for Mary and the child, our Messiah. Joseph abandons himself to God’s will and accepts in trust this responsibility to be Mary’s husband and a father to Jesus.

At the end of the ten “Hail Joseph” prayers, recite the Glory Be prayer and then the Fatima prayer below:

**O my Jesus, forgive us our sins.  
Save us from the fire of hell.  
Lead all souls to heaven, most especially  
those in most need of Thy mercy.**

Dr. Scott Hahn is with the St. Paul Center Foundation. Just type in your browser on your computer: Scott Hahn and the Year of St. Joseph. There is a YouTube video with Scott Hahn praying this Rosary with beautiful meditations on St. Joseph. I personally prayed this on YouTube and it has a melodic flow. Listen carefully to the meditations that lead into each decade.

- Fran Crespi

## 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 Religious Education Office at 508-429-6076 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.

