



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!

SCAM ALERT

This week, several St. Mary's Parishioners and Staff have received fake emails and texts from scammers posing as our pastor.

They are very clever and clearly have been reading our website and bulletins. They have gotten better with realistic looking messages and electronic source id's.

Do not reply to these, they will ask for help and money, usually in the form of gift cards. Please be careful! Last year two St. Mary's Families were scammed out of \$500 each.

Actual **Fake Email** received by a Staff Member Thursday:

From: Rev. Mark J. Coiro <pastor.office620@gmail.com>

Date: Thu, Feb 4, 2021 at 1:55 PM

Subject:

Are you here now?

I need your assistance, Get back to me via email.

Thanks and blessings,

Sent from iPad



Saint Mary's Parish

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

February 7, 2021
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

In today's Gospel Jesus heals Simon's mother in law, one of the many instances in which the Savior demonstrated His special love and compassion for the sick. This weekend we receive a reminder of Jesus' continuing care for us as we celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick at the 11:30 AM Mass. In this holy sacrament God promises help in time of physical illness, and also the spiritual healing of forgiveness. "Is anyone among you sick? He should summon the priests of the church, and they should pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord, and the prayer of faith will save the sick person, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed any sins, he will be forgiven." (James 5:14-15)

The most important thing to remember about this sacrament is that it should be administered as soon as one becomes aware of a serious illness. Just as we would not withhold helpful medicine from a sick person until they were at their last breath, neither should we keep God's Anointing from those who need to experience His grace in time of need.

Normally, next weekend would be St. Mary's annual Mass of Anointing sponsored by our 5th Grade Religious Education Class. This coincides with the World Day of the Sick, which always occurs on the Sunday closest to the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. Regretfully, we were forced to cancel the Anointing Mass this year, as those who are sick are advised not to venture out of their homes during the Pandemic. We are still busy doing non-COVID Anointings at home and by appointment in the church when it is empty. (COVID Anointings are done by a special team of young, healthy priests). And every hospital in our Archdiocese has a Catholic priest on call for Anointing requests – just ask the hospital to call the Catholic priest on duty that day.

Today at our 11:30 AM Mass we will celebrate "Scout Sunday." During the first week of February each year, the Boy Scouts of America celebrates its founding 111 years ago. In the mid-1940's, Scout Sunday was added to the celebration to remind the Scouts of the 12th Point of the Scout Law, "A Scout is Reverent," and the promise to do their "Duty to God." Scouts from St. Mary's own Troop 14 will be offering the Scriptures and Serving the Mass. A special blessing of all Boy Scouts and their leaders will also take place. The recently donated vestment worn at this Mass features panels of Black Watch Tartan in honor of St. Mary's Troop 14, with the World Scouting Emblem embroidered in gold on the front.

I congratulate our Troop, under the able leadership of Scoutmaster Christopher Baribeau, for the way they have adapted Scouting adventures, service, learning, and promotions to the new Pandemic circumstances. It is very impressive to see all those activities in the St. Mary's Newsletter each month. Tomorrow night, the Troop will celebrate a Court of Honor, Pandemic style, in the church. The Court will include a B.S.A. Charter Presentation Ceremony, through which Troop 14 and St. Mary's will reaffirm their relationship and commitment to the core values of Scouting. You may watch the livestreamed ceremony starting at 7 PM, February 8, at: <https://www.facebook.com/MusicAtStMarysHolliston/>.

Since it was Chartered by St. Mary's in 1965, Troop 14 has been blessed by strong, faithful and moral adult leadership – men who modeled the true values of Scouting. Sadly, we know from the news this year that not all Scout Troops were so fortunate. Be assured that all volunteers for our Troop undergo rigorous screening and are required to take child safety courses through both the Boy Scouts of America and our Parish. As with our Religious Education and Youth Ministry Programs, the safety of all participating youth is our primary concern.

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 long horizontal line extending to the right.

Rev. Mark J. Coiro
Pastor

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	February 6
5:00	Joan Mullen
7:30	People of St. Mary's
Sunday	February 7
7:30	Alice Mulinowskis
9:30	David Baker
11:30	Scout Sunday Mass
Monday	February 8
9:00	Nicholas Rossini
Tuesday	February 9
9:00	Richard Larrow
Wednesday	February 10
9:00	Marie Sweeney
Thursday	February 11
9:00	Barbara Brown
Friday	February 12
9:00	Walter Rossini
Saturday	February 13
5:00	Ray Finn
7:30	People of St. Mary's
Sunday	February 14
7:30	Peter Duclos
9:30	John Calabrese
11:30	David Hazard

NEWSLETTER COLLATING: Please join us this Monday, February 8, and if needed, Tuesday, February 9, starting at 9:30 AM in Father Haley Hall to assist in collating the February Newsletter for mailing. All are welcome and needed! Tables will be widely spaced and freshly sanitized that morning. Masks will be worn and hand sanitizer available for all.

THE ST. BLAISE BLESSING OF THROATS WILL TAKE PLACE AT ALL MASSES THIS WEEKEND:

See page 5 of this bulletin to learn more about this healer, bishop, and martyr of our faith.

THIS IS NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK: See page 6 of this bulletin for many beautiful resources.

ASH WEDNESDAY IS FEBRUARY 17: See pages 7, 8 & 9 of this bulletin for the Ash Wednesday Schedule of Services, Special Pandemic Procedures for Distributing Ashes, and our February Lenten Offerings. Did you know that St. Mary's is hosting the Vatican Travelling Exhibit of Eucharistic Miracles this Lent?



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

WEEKLY OFFERTORY NEEDED TO PAY OUR PARISH'S BILLS: \$15,000.

PARISH OFFERTORY LAST WEEKEND:

Automatic Giving: \$ 4,410.00
WeShare: \$ 5,084.11

Offertory Envelopes dropped off / mailed to the office:

\$ 5,619.00
Total Offertory: \$ 15,113.11

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/>.

2021 CATHOLIC APPEAL: Next month, the 2021 Catholic Appeal will be launched in all parishes throughout the Archdiocese. As stewards of God's gifts we support the wellbeing of our parish, but also of the wider Church throughout our Archdiocese.

We invite you to prayerfully consider making a generous gift to the 2021 Catholic Appeal. To make an online pledge, please visit www.bostoncatholicappeal.org, identifying St. Mary's as your parish. Thank you for supporting the many good works of the Catholic Church.

SAINT BLAISE AND THE BLESSING OF THROATS:

Sickness and suffering are mysteries that confront most Christians at some time in their lives. Believers cherish the stories of Jesus' tender concern for the poor and sick who sought to find relief and meaning in their struggles. The flesh-and-blood example of a long line of Christian witnesses whose faith sustained them in time of trial offers us hope when shadows darken our lives. Saint Blaise was such a person.

St. Blaise (also spelled Blase and Blasius) was a 3rd 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 for his faith.

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 has been placed in St. Mary's sanctuary for this weekend.

On or near February 3, the Feast of Saint Blaise, the Church continues its ministry to the sick with the blessing of throats. This blessing invokes God's healing and protection. Two blessed candles, joined in the form of a cross, are employed. The minister then prays, *"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."* The blessing will be offered at all Masses this weekend – all at once instead of individually, and without touching the candles to throats because of the Pandemic.



WINTER WINGS THIS WEDNESDAY: Our WINGS (Women in God's Spirit) 2021 Winter Bible Study via Zoom continues this week, Wednesday, February 10 at 10 AM. WINGS is using Kevin Perrotta's John 1-10, I am the Bread of Life as our study guide. St. Mary's parishioner, WINGS member, lector and Eucharistic Minister, Loretta Heuer will guide us through Chapter 3 of Kevin Perrotta's book. Loretta has taught religious education PreK-10 and she is certified by the Archdiocese as an adult educator. With her husband Bill, she has facilitated Pre-Cana programs and Baptism

instruction for new parents. Loretta has an M. Ed from Cambridge College and was a math coach and curriculum writer after homeschooling her two adult sons, Tad and Jed. Please join us even if you don't have access to the study book. Chapter 3 focuses on John 4:1 – 42. Earlier recorded WINGS Winter season presentations may be found at <https://stmarysholliston.com/women-in-gods-spirit-w-i-n-g-s/> by scrolling down to the bottom. Email stmaryswingssecretary@gmail.com to register or call Diane @508-259-7795.

RIISING 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. 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>.

THE ROSE FOR LIFE: Is sponsored this week by a St. Mary's Parishioner. Please join her in prayer for an unborn child. If you wish to sponsor the Rose in 2021 please call the Rectory at 429-4427.



PANTRY SHELF NEEDS: The following grocery items: Regular Ground Coffee, Canned Turkey, Spam, Beefaroni, Canned Ravioli, Canned Beef Stew, Taco Shell Dinner Kits, Progresso Soups, Paper Towels, Clorox Wipes (or any other brand), Juice Boxes, Canned Peaches, Canned Pears, Canned Fruit Cocktail, and Kids Snacks.



**This Week, February 7-14, 2021,
is National Marriage Week.**

This annual observance is an opportunity for everyone to reflect on the gift marriage is to our Church and our country, as well as an opportunity for couples to build up their own marriages.

**This year's theme is:
*To Have, To Hold, To Honor.***

Here's how you can take part:

Spend a little dedicated time in prayer and reflection by participating in our **seven-day at-home retreat** (available in pdf in **English** and **Spanish**) focused on marriage.

Pray a rosary for married couples and families with us! The rosary will be led by Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone, the head of the Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life, and Youth, and live-streamed on **Wednesday, February 10, at 2:00 PM** on the **For Your Marriage Facebook Page**.

Conversation on Fatherhood and Spousal Love. Tune in again on [Facebook](#) on **Friday, February 12, at 2:00 PM** for a live-streamed discussion between the associate director for Clergy, Consecrated Life, and Vocations, Fr. Daniel Hanley, and the director of Laity, Marriage, Family Life, and Youth, Mr. Dominic Lombardi as they discuss their reflections on fatherhood and spousal love looking to Saint Joseph as their example.

And here's some resources to build up your marriage all year long.

Listen to Marriage Unique for a Reason's **Made for Love Podcast**, which tells the stories of real people living out the call to love. Here are some of our favorite episodes on marriage:

Episode 6: **Real Marriage vs. the Ideal.**

Episode 10: **Men & Women: Not Two Halves, but Two Wholes.**

Episode 51: **Engagement: Planning a Wedding or a Marriage?**

Take a look at our **Daily Marriage Tips**. Maybe you'll find a new idea to strengthen your relationship.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter, provides numerous resources for celebrating World Marriage Day.

National Marriage Week offers helpful ideas for building up your own marriage, recommended reading, supporting marriage in the community, and much more. There's also a listing of marriage-building events throughout the country.

Blessing of Married Couples:

In honor of World Marriage Sunday, February 14, St. Mary's will offer a special blessing to all married persons at all Masses this weekend. As is our custom, the couple at each Mass present together and married the longest will be presented with roses, as we honor all our married couples and ask God's abundant grace upon them.





ASH WEDNESDAY IS FEBRUARY 17, 2021

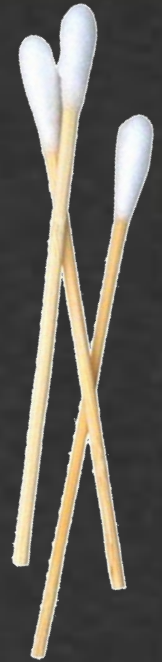
Four Services with Ashes:

6:45 AM Liturgy of the Word

9:00 AM Mass
(Livestreamed to Facebook
and Holliston Cable Access)

4:00 PM Liturgy of the Word

6:30 PM Liturgy of the Word



ASH WEDNESDAY IS A DAY OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT.

SPECIAL ASH WEDNESDAY PANDEMIC PROCEDURES THIS YEAR:

Ashes will be applied using 6-inch Q-Tips.

A new Q-Tip will be used for each penitent.

Masks will be worn by all and the ministers will be wearing plastic gloves.

The words normally spoken individually when the ashes are applied will be spoken to everyone all at once by the Presider. The application of ashes will therefore be done in silence.

All normal Pandemic Procedures will be in effect for Ash Wednesday, including advance Sign-Ups, temperature taking (if Red Zone), and sign in at the church doors, masks, and social distancing apart from those in your family group. Those without a reservation will be admitted unless pandemic capacity is reached.

We strongly encourage you to Sign-Up in advance, as our pandemic capacity is only 140 seats out of 600 normally available. Advance Sign-Ups end at 9 PM on Tuesday, February 16.

Reserve a spot at your preferred Ash Wednesday Service here: <https://stmarysholliston.com/>.

“The sign of the cross we wear on our foreheads on Ash Wednesday is not there only one day a year.

It is the cross that is burned on our foreheads by the fire of the Holy Spirit to mark us as God’s own lambs in Baptism.

We show it once a year to remind ourselves that we belong to God.

We remind ourselves that we die, daily to sin.

We remind ourselves that Jesus’ resurrection is our future.

We will return to dust, but God is not finished with us.

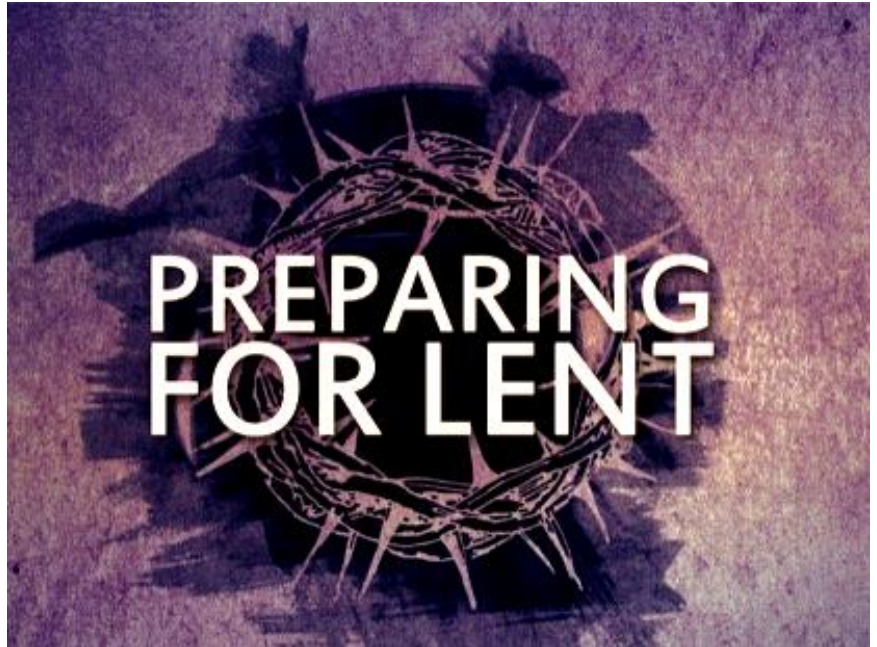
We renew the Baptismal covenant of God in this season of repentance, renewal and rejoicing.

We all will be cleansed in the Vigil’s Baptismal Flood.”

- L. Bouman

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

HOLY HOUR ~ Sunday, February 21 from 2:00-3:00 PM in St. Mary's Church. Deacon Ron Dowding will Expose the Blessed Sacrament for one hour of Eucharistic Adoration. During this time of prayer, he will offer "A Lenten Reflection for the Year of the Eucharist." The Holy Hour will be live-streamed at <https://www.facebook.com/MusicAtStMarysHolliston>. Parishioners who attend in person will follow all the Sunday Mass pandemic safety procedures.

**TUESDAYS OF LENT, EVENING PRAYER** ~

Evening Prayer, part of the Church's official daily prayer, the Liturgy of the Hours, will be offered virtually for Lent on Tuesdays, February 23 and March 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 at 7:00 PM. This beautiful prayer consists of psalms, hymns, and intercessions. It is easy to learn. Join us and find peace at day's end. You can participate in the prayer via the Music at St. Mary's Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/MusicAtStMarysHolliston>.

WEDNESDAYS OF LENT, THE DIVINE MERCY ~ During the Season of Lent, Parishioner Mitch Liro and Deacon Ron Dowding invite you to a series of weekly virtual meetings to learn about and explore The Divine Mercy. The program is open to anyone. Each meeting will consist of viewing brief, professionally produced videos, short discussions, and recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet. We will meet in the comfort of our own homes via ZOOM on Wednesday evenings for 60-90 minutes. Meetings will be at 6:30 PM on February 24, and March 3, 17, 24, and 31. For additional information or to signup, contact Mitch Liro at 508-429-6098 (mjlsjl67@gmail.com), or contact Deacon Ron at 508-429-3961 (ronald.dowding@verizon.net). "Sacred scripture is the greatest story ever told; and the story of The Divine Mercy is the Second Greatest Story Ever Told." - Rev. Michael Gately

VIRTUAL LENTEN RETREAT EVENING, ST. JOSEPH ~ Wednesday, February 24, 7:00 PM. Pope Francis has declared this to be the Year of St. Joseph, marking the 150th anniversary of the saint's proclamation as patron of the Universal Church by Pope Pius IX on December 8, 1870. The Year of St. Joseph began on December 8, 2020 and will conclude on December 8, 2021. The Catholic Church honors St. Joseph as the foster father of Jesus. He is also invoked as the patron saint of workers, fathers, and a happy death.

Why is St. Joseph such a popular patron, such an important figure for Catholics of all times and places? What do we really know about him? What does he have to teach us about what it means to follow Christ and experience the fulfillment that comes from spiritual maturity?

Join us as we journey through this Lenten Season with Saint Joseph and hear from these engaging speakers.

Bishop William D. Byrne, Bishop of Springfield, MA ~ A reflection on the spirituality of St. Joseph.



Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC, Priest, Author ~ Consecration to St. Joseph, The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father. Fr. Calloway will bring to life the wonders, the power, and the ceaseless love of St. Joseph, Universal Patron of the Church.

Register by clicking this link: www.sjs.edu/lentenretreat or by scanning left.

CATHOLIC QUEST

in conjunction with St. Mary's Parish
presents

Vatican International Exhibit of Eucharistic Miracles

With an extensive assortment of photographs and historical descriptions, the exhibition presents some of the principal Eucharistic Miracles that took place throughout the ages in various countries of the world and which have been recognized by the Church. By means of 159 panels, one can "virtually visit" the places where the Miracles took place.

Come and view this FREE exhibit at

St. Mary's Church
8 Church Street, Holliston, MA 01746
in Father Haley Hall

Friday, February 26th - 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Saturday, February 27th - 12:00 PM to 7:30 PM
Sunday, February 28th - 10:30 AM to 3:00 PM

Eucharistic Miracle of BERGEN
1421

The city of Bergen is famous not only for its characteristic wind, but also for a Eucharistic miracle that took place there in 1421. For many months, the parson of the Church of Saints Peter and Paul had experienced doubt about whether the Body and the Blood of Christ was truly present in the consecrated Host. The priest's fervent devotion towards the Blessed Sacrament, so much so that one day after celebrating Mass he took the remaining consecrated Hosts and drew them in his river. Some months later the Hosts were found again, floating in the water and stained with blood.

Eucharistic Miracle of ETEN
1649

The Eucharistic miracle of Eten happened about 365 years ago in the Peruvian town of Port Eten. In a Host exposed for public adoration, there appeared the Child Jesus and three inter-connected hours of brilliant white color. Every year, the feast of the Child Jesus is celebrated in Eten.

Eucharistic Miracle of CHIRATTAKONAM
MADURAI, INDIA, MAY 5, 2001

This Eucharistic miracle was verified recently, on May 5, 2001 in Tiruvandur, India. In the Hosts there appeared the likeness of a man similar to that of Christ crowned with thorns. His Beatitude Cyril Mar Basilio, Archbishop of the diocese of Tiruvandur, was regarding this prodigy: "[...] For us believers what we have seen is something that we have always believed [...]. If our Lord is speaking to us by giving us this sign, it certainly needs a response from us". The monstrance containing the miraculous Host is to this day kept in the church.

MIRACULOUS COMMUNIONS

Since John's Eucharist was always present in the Holy Eucharist. In the last days of the century when it had almost been forgotten, it was rediscovered in 1941. The miracle was witnessed by the priest of the parish of St. Peter and Paul, who was celebrating Mass in the church of St. Peter and Paul. The miracle was witnessed by the priest of the parish of St. Peter and Paul, who was celebrating Mass in the church of St. Peter and Paul. The miracle was witnessed by the priest of the parish of St. Peter and Paul, who was celebrating Mass in the church of St. Peter and Paul.

For more information, please see the St. Mary's Website or contact Jim Merski at mjmerski@gmail.com

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!

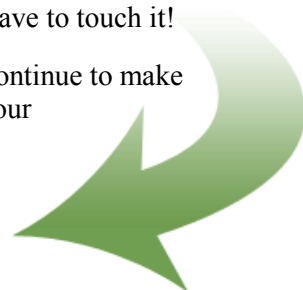
13) Shared collection baskets are not permitted, so no collection can be taken up at Mass. Please continue to make your weekly offertory support via Automatic Giving, WeShare, or by mailing in or dropping off your envelope via the rectory mail-slot. Thank you!

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.



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 early, you may need to hit "refresh."

Welcome!

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.*

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 **February 7** 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.

DATE	GRADE	MODEL
Mon., Feb. 08	GR-8 at 6:00 PM	Remote - Zoom
Tues., Feb. 09	GR-10 at 6:30 PM	Remote - Zoom
Wed., Feb 10	GR-8 at 6:00 PM	Remote - Zoom
Tues. Feb. 11	GR-10 at 6:30 PM	Remote - Zoom

FEBRUARY VACATION-Sun., Feb. 14 - 19

GRADE 2 ~ FIRST PENANCE: At this time the First Penance dates will be scheduled on two weekends: Friday, March 12 at 6:30 PM and Saturday, March 20 at 10:30 AM. Priests will assist 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 HOLY COMMUNION: The dates for First Holy Communion Masses have been set for Saturday, June 12 at 10:30 AM and 1:30 PM and Saturday, June 19 at 10:30 AM and 1:30 PM. Once families have had time to review the letters that have been sent to them, Zoom meetings will be scheduled to meet the families and answer any questions regarding the information within the letter. Questions regarding the Grade 2 program can be directed to Fran at: st.marysdre1870@gmail.com or to our GR-2 Coordinator, Derri Cole at: 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.



Jesus Healing the twelve year old dying girl, "Arise."

In today's Gospel of Mark we read that Jesus is told that Simon's mother-in-law is sick with a fever. Jesus enters Simon's house and takes the woman's hand, helps her up and the fever leaves her. When word of this gets out many people come to Jesus for healing. He heals those with various diseases and casts out demons. Jesus' love and compassion for the sick gives hope to those who suffer from many illnesses today, whether the illness is emotional, mental or physical. The Rite of Anointing tells us there is no need to wait until a person is at the point of death to receive the Sacrament of Healing.

When the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is given, the hoped-for effect is that, if it be God's will, the person will be healed of their illness. But even if there is no healing, the primary effect of the Sacrament is a spiritual healing by which the sick person receives the Holy Spirit's gift of peace and courage to deal with the difficulties that accompany serious illness or the frailty of old age.

Prayer to St. Joseph: St. Joseph has been considered the patron saint of those dying since he himself had the privilege of dying in the arms of Mary and Jesus. "Since we all must die, we should cherish a special devotion to St. Joseph, that he may obtain for us a happy death." (*St. Alphonsus Ligouri*) In this designated Year of St. Joseph let us remember to ask St. Joseph to pray for those dying alone and have no one to pray for them.

O Blessed Joseph, you gave your last breath in the loving embrace of Jesus and Mary. When the seal of death shall close my life, come with Jesus and Mary to aid me. Obtain for me this solace for that hour – to die with their holy arms around me. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I commend my soul, living and dying, into your sacred arms. Amen

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 Religious Education Office if you need a **2021 CORI** Form. It is important that all sections of the CORI form marked by an asterisk be completed in order to be properly processed. *Thank you.*

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.