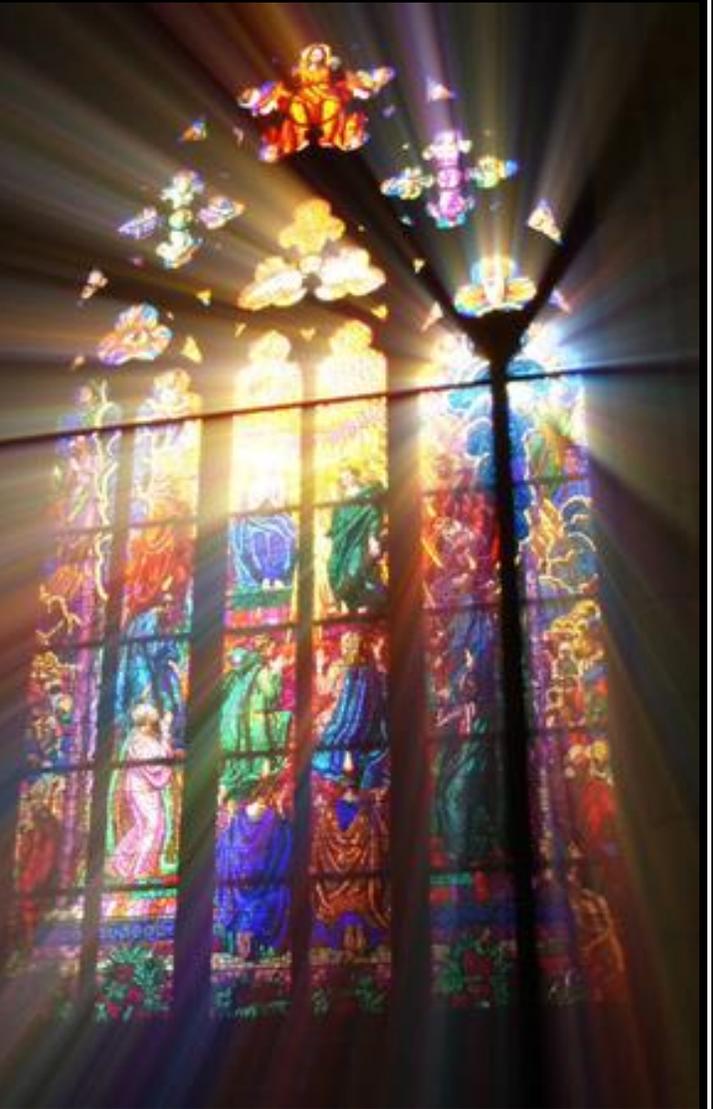


*I turn to you,  
Lord, in time  
of trouble,  
and you fill me  
with the joy of  
salvation.*

## Psalm 32



# 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: (508) 429 - 4427 or (508) 879 - 2322

Religious Education Phone: (508) 429 - 6076

Fax: (508) 429 - 3324

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!



# Saint Mary's Parish

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

February 14, 2021  
6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

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

Today's celebrations of St. Valentine's Day and World Marriage Sunday direct our attention to the beautiful love that exists between a man and a woman according to God's design. St. Valentine was a Catholic priest in Rome who was martyred on February 14, 269 A.D. Valentine's love for God and respect for the Sacrament of Marriage was so great that he continued performing weddings even after these were outlawed by decree of the Emperor Claudius. For many Valentine's Day has become a day to celebrate romantic love. But it is worth remembering that the real Valentine loved God above all and put God's law of marriage before the laws of the state. For this he paid the ultimate price, winning by the shedding of his blood the crown of martyrdom.

In a sense, every Christian is called to one of four general vocations: the chaste single life, religious life, priesthood, or married life. All four vocations are equal in dignity and in their capacity to build up the kingdom of God. Marriage, which we focus on this week, is defined by God's Church as *"a covenant, by which a man and a woman establish between themselves a partnership of their whole life, and which of its own very nature is ordered to the well-being of the spouses and to the procreation and upbringing of children. It has, between the baptized, been raised by Christ the Lord to the dignity of a sacrament."* (Canon 1055)

In choosing to celebrate Marriage as a Sacrament, a man and woman invite God into their new life together in an intimate and powerful way. Christ performed His very first miracle, the changing of water into wine, at a Wedding in Cana of Galilee. In marriage, He offers to transform a couple's human love into something even richer, stronger, and more enduring by His grace. Married love is a powerful symbol of Christ's own love for His Church. It is a lifelong commitment, reminding us that Jesus is ever faithful. It is procreative, reminding us that our relationship with Jesus should bear the fruit of holiness. It is a three way partnership between husband, wife and the Lord, reminding us that in Christ we are never truly alone.

When questioned about marriage, Jesus said that it is a part of God's plan written directly into our bodies. *"Have you not read that from the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female' and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, no human being must separate."* MT 19:4-6

At each Mass this weekend we will honor with the presentation of a rose the couple present together who have been married for the longest number of years. In honoring them we seek to honor *all* married couples, and we ask God's great grace upon them. In the words of the Nuptial Blessing:

*"O, God, you have made the union of man and wife so holy a mystery that it symbolizes the marriage of Christ and His Church. Look with love upon this woman, your daughter, now joined to her husband in marriage. She asks your blessing. Give her the grace of love and peace. May she always follow the example of the holy women whose praises are sung in the scriptures. May her husband put his trust in her and know that she is his equal and the heir with him to the life of grace. May he always honor her and love her as Christ loves his people. Keep them always true to your commandments. Keep them faithful in marriage and let them be living examples of Christian life. Give them the strength which comes from the Gospel so that they may be witnesses of Christ to others. And, after a happy old age, grant them fullness of life with the saints in the kingdom of heaven. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen."*

In Christ's Service and Yours,

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Rev. Mark J. Coiro  
Pastor



# A LENTEN JOURNEY with ST. JOSEPH FOR FAMILIES

WEDNESDAY

**17** Ash Wednesday

Receive ashes at Mass or participate in Mass online.

*Fasting for those 18-59; only one full meal or two smaller ones.  
Fast from meat (14+)*

THURSDAY

**18**

Give up television or videos today.

FRIDAY

**19**

**Visit the Sick and Imprisoned:**

Make a card for a retired priest at Regina Cleri Residence 60 William Cardinal O'Connell Way, Boston MA 02114

*Fast from meat (14+)*

SATURDAY

**20**

**Counsel the Doubtful:**

Think of some questions or doubts that you have about Jesus and offer them to God in prayer, asking Him to show you His Truth.

SUNDAY

**21**

Tell someone in your family why you are thankful for them.

MONDAY

**22**

**Comfort the Sorrowful:**

Send a note to someone who might be sad, lonely, or in need of a kind word.

TUESDAY

**23**

**Shelter the Homeless:**

Pray for those without shelter to find secure and safe housing.

**24**

**Give Alms to the Poor:**

Give your allowance to a charity, or ask your parent/guardian if you can do a chore to earn money to give to the charity.

**25**

Read about the Beatitudes and ask God to help you live them out.

[Matthew 5:1-11](#)

**26**

Attend the Stations of the Cross at your parish, online, or use a resource like [this one](#).

*Fast from meat (14+)*

**27**

**Bury the Dead:**

Think about the people in your family who have died and pray: "Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen."

**28**

**Bear Wrongs Patiently:**

Say a prayer for someone who has not always been nice to you.

MARCH 1

**Pray for the Living and the Dead:**

Say a prayer for religious sisters and brothers, both alive and dead, who have devoted their lives to Jesus.

**2**

Do something kind or helpful for someone in your family.

**3**

**Feed the Hungry:**

Only drink water today to stand in solidarity with those who often go thirsty.

**4**

Share your toys or belongings more generously.

**5**

**Clothe the Naked:**

Collect clothing items that you no longer wear and donate to a local charity.

*Fast from meat (14+)*

**6**

Read about Jesus' Temptation in the Desert and think about the times when you were tempted. Give God thanks for helping you through those times.

[Matthew 4:1-11](#)

**7**

**Counsel the Doubtful:**

Say a Hail Mary for someone you think needs God's peace.

**8**

**Instruct the Ignorant:**

Share your favorite Bible story with a sibling or friend.

**9**

Give up dessert or a snack today.

**10**

**Visit the Sick and Imprisoned:**

Call or virtually visit with a sick friend or family member.

**11**

Give up social media, gaming devices, or technology.

**12**

**Pray for the Living and the Dead:**

Pray the Lord's Prayer for those children who have lost a parent(s).

*Fast from meat (14+)*

**13**

**Bear Wrongs Patiently:**

Do something nice for someone who has not been nice to you.

SUNDAY

14 Laetare Sunday

**Admonish the Sinner:**

Pray for those who persecute others because they appear "different."

MONDAY

15

**Forgive Offenses Willingly:**

Say, "I forgive you" to anyone who makes you angry today.

TUESDAY

16

Go out of your way to say something kind to someone at school or in your family.

WEDNESDAY

17 **Feast of St. Patrick**

St. Patrick is the patron saint of the Archdiocese. You can read more about his story [here](#).

THURSDAY

18

**Feed the Hungry:**

Gather up some non-perishables or canned goods and donate them to a local food pantry, such as the one at your church.

FRIDAY

19 **Feast of St. Joseph**

Say a prayer of St. Joseph for fathers. Prayers and more about the Year of St. Joseph can be found [here](#).

*No fasting today because of the feast.*

SATURDAY

20

**Shelter the Homeless:**

Sleep on the floor tonight as an offering for those who have no bed to sleep in.

21

**Give Alms to the Poor:**

Ask your parents/guardian not to buy your favorite snack this week and donate the money saved to a local food bank.

22

Help fold laundry or clean up the clothes in your room.

23

**Comfort the Sorrowful:**

Send an encouraging note to someone you know who might be struggling or sad.

24

Pray a decade of the rosary as a family today.

[For younger children](#)

[For older children](#)

25

**Feast of St. Dismas**

**Pray for the Sick and Imprisoned:**

Through prayer, ask St. Dismas, the Good Thief on the cross, to intercede for those in prison.

[Luke 23:39-43](#)

26

**Instruct the Ignorant:**

Jesus asks, "Who do you say that I am?" Go around the table and fill in the word to describe Jesus in the Litany of Praise: "Praise you Jesus, you are my... (i.e. joy, friend, Savior, etc.)."

*Fast from meat (14+)*

27

**Bury the Dead:**

Visit the grave of someone who has died and pray a Hail Mary for their soul.

28

**Palm Sunday**

**Bear Wrongs Patiently:**

Practice patience today when you're frustrated.

29

**Admonish the Sinner:**

Discuss what sin is. Pray the Jesus Prayer: "Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, have mercy on me a sinner."

30

Visit your parish website and make a plan to go to confession before Easter.

31

**Forgive Offenses Willingly:**

Say the Pardon Prayer for all who have sinned: "My God, I believe, I adore, I hope, and I love You! I ask pardon of You for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and do not love You."

APRIL 1

**Holy Thursday**

Go to Mass or watch it online. If neither are possible, read [John 13:1-20](#) and discuss what happened.

2

**Good Friday**

Attend the Veneration of the Cross at your church or do the Stations of the Cross at home. (see links on Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>)

*Fasting for those 18-59; only one full meal or two smaller ones. Fast from meat (14+)*

3

**Holy Saturday**

Attend the Easter Vigil at your parish or online.

4

**Easter**



**PARISH STAFF:**

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 The Xaverian Fathers, Weekend Assistance  
 Deacon John D. Barry, Permanent Deacon  
 Deacon Ronald A. Dowding, Permanent Deacon  
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 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

**STEWARDSHIP***Managing God's Gifts To Us***PARISH OFFERTORY LAST WEEKEND:**

**Automatic Giving:** \$ 7,294.00  
**WeShare:** \$ 4,828.00  
**Offertory Envelopes  
 dropped off / mailed  
 to the office:** \$ 4,997.00  
**Total Offertory:** \$ 17,119.80

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/>.

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND:**

Catholic Charities

**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](http://www.bostoncatholicappeal.org), identifying St. Mary's as your parish. Thank you for supporting the many good works of the Catholic Church.

**PRAYERS AND MASS INTENTIONS:**

**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  
**Monday February 15**  
 9:00 Helen Medwid, 1<sup>st</sup> Anv.  
**Tuesday February 16**  
 9:00 Albert Ciri

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

**February 17** (*Day of Fasting and Abstinence from Meat*)

6:45 Liturgy with Ashes  
 9:00 Mass with Ashes  
 4:00 Liturgy with Ashes  
 6:30 Liturgy with Ashes



**Thursday February 18**  
 9:00 Louis Zeramby and Paul T. Shea  
**Friday February 19**  
 9:00 Paul Haberski  
**Saturday February 20**  
 5:00 People of St. Mary's  
 7:30 John Collins, 16<sup>th</sup> Anv.  
**Sunday February 21**  
 7:30 Michael Duclos  
 9:30 Joan Grady  
 11:30 Evan Andrews

**WINTER WINGS**

**THIS WEDNESDAY:** Our WINGS (Women in God's Spirit) 2021 Winter Bible Study via Zoom continues this week, Wednesday,

February 17 at 10 AM. WINGS is using Kevin Perrotta's John 1-10, I am the Bread of Life as our study guide.

Kay Bernegger, St. Mary's parishioner for over forty years, WINGS member, mother of three and retired English teacher will guide us through Chapter 5 of Kevin Perrotta's book.

Please join us even if you don't have access to the study book. Chapter 5 focuses on John 6:25-69. Previous Winter WINGS presentations may be found at: <https://stmarysholliston.com/women-in-gods-spirit-w-i-n-g-s/>. Just scroll down to the bottom. Email [stmaryswingssecretary@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryswingssecretary@gmail.com) to register or call Diane @508-259-7795.

## 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/>.

**WHY DO CATHOLICS WEAR ASHES ON THIS DAY?** Ashes symbolize two main things in the Old Testament – death and repentance. Ashes are equivalent to dust, and human flesh is composed of dust or clay (Genesis 2:7). For example, Abraham told God, “I am but dust and ashes” (Genesis 18:27), a reference to his human mortality. We use ashes on Ash Wednesday to remind ourselves of our own mortality. We are all born here, but none of us is staying here. Death may come sooner, or it may come later, but it will surely come. This is not a cause for fear, but for urgency to embrace the Gospel with new vigor. We only have so much time to accept Jesus’ offer of salvation, and follow Him on the Way of the Cross, the way of sacrificial love.

Ashes are also a symbol of repentance for past sins. When the prophet Daniel shamefacedly clothed himself in sackcloth and ashes, they were a sign of his people’s contrition for their rebellion, wickedness and treachery (Daniel 9:3). When Jonah warned the Ninevites that God planned to destroy their city because of their corruption and depravity, the people covered themselves with sackcloth and ashes as a

sign of their intention to turn from their evil ways (Jonah 3:6,10). Ashes are a plea to God for mercy and compassion, pardon and forgiveness. Moreover, they are a public admission of guilt, an expression of sorrow for sins that have been committed, a promise to reform and a pledge to resist temptation in the future.

In His own words, Jesus “came to call sinners.” We, too, are sinners. When we come forward to receive ashes on Ash Wednesday, we are saying that we are sorry for our sins, and that we want to use the season of Lent to correct our faults, purify our hearts, control our desires and grow in holiness so we will be prepared to celebrate Easter with great joy. Our ashes say that we want to come back to Jesus.

### FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT HOLY HOUR ~ Next 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](mailto:mjlsjl67@gmail.com)), or contact Deacon Ron at 508-429-3961 ([ronald.dowding@verizon.net](mailto: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 150<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.sjs.edu/lentenretreat) or by scanning left.

CATHOLIC QUEST  
in conjunction with St. Mary's Parish  
presents the



## Vatican Travelling Exhibit of Eucharistic Miracles

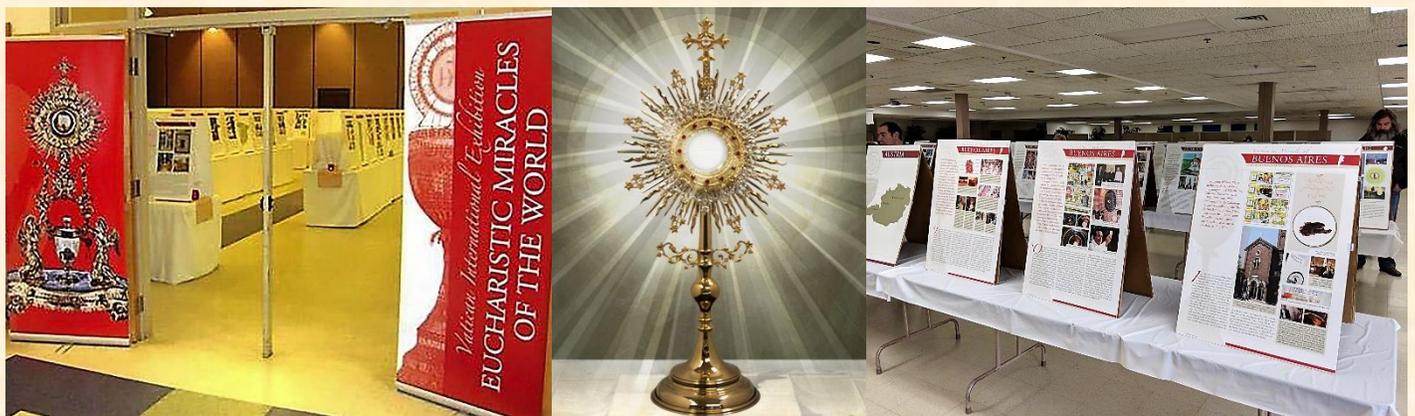


With an extensive assortment of photographs and historical descriptions, the exhibition presents some of the principal Eucharistic Miracles that took place throughout the ages in various countries of the world and which have been recognized by the Church.

By means of 159 panels, one can "virtually visit" the places where the Miracles took place.

Come and view this exhibit at St. Mary's Church, 8 Church Street, Holliston, MA, 01746 in Father Haley Hall. Masks are required and full Pandemic Procedures apply. Admission is free but there will be a Free Will Offering Box if you desire to make a gift.

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



For more information, please visit:

[http://www.therealpresence.org/eucharst/mir/engl\\_mir.htm](http://www.therealpresence.org/eucharst/mir/engl_mir.htm)  
or contact Jim Merski at [mjmerski@gmail.com](mailto:mjmerski@gmail.com)

**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](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>.

**THE ROSE FOR LIFE:** Is sponsored this week by Steve and Lorri Palmer. 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.

**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.



## Prayer to Overcome Racism

Mary, friend and mother to all, through your Son, God has found a way to unite himself to every human being, called to be one people, sisters and brothers to each other.

We ask for your help in calling on your Son, seeking forgiveness for the times when we have failed to love and respect one another.

We ask for your help in obtaining from your Son the grace we need to overcome the evil of racism and to build a just society.

We ask for your help in following your Son, so that prejudice and animosity will no longer infect our minds or hearts but will be replaced with a love that respects the dignity of each person.

Mother of the Church, the Spirit of your Son Jesus warms our hearts: pray for us.

Amen.



**POPE FRANCIS:** *“I must not categorize others in order to decide who is my neighbor and who is not. It is up to me whether to be a neighbor or not — the decision is mine — it is up to me whether or not to be a neighbor to those whom I encounter who need help, even if they are strangers or perhaps hostile.”*

*“Life nowadays tells us that it is much easier to concentrate on what divides us, what keeps us apart. People try to make us believe that being closed in on ourselves is the best way to keep safe from harm. Today, we adults need you to teach us, as you are doing today, how to live in diversity, in dialogue, to experience multiculturalism, not as a threat but an opportunity.”*

# 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.

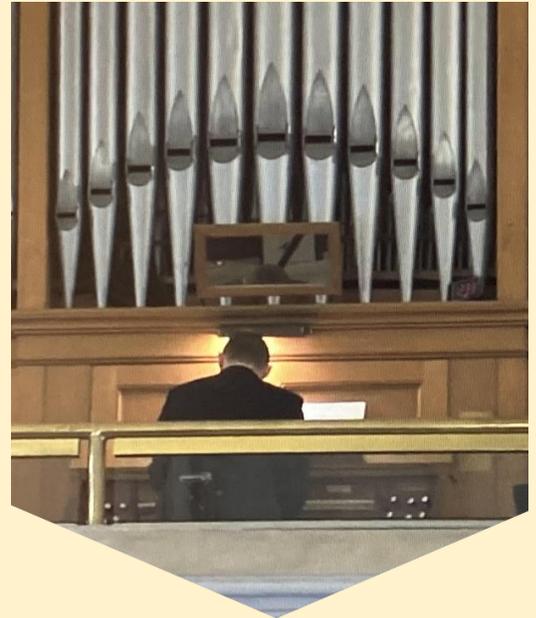
If you have a candle, put that near you. An Icon, Cross, or Statue of Mary is great, too.

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.*



*Spiritual Communion  
Prayer*

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 early, you may need to hit "refresh."

Welcome!

# 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.

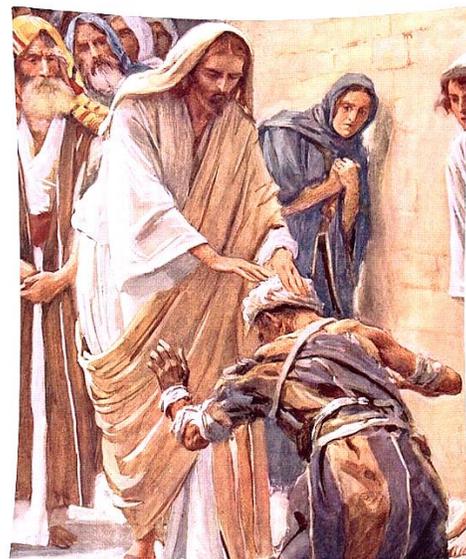
11) Participants at Mass are asked to leave the church within a couple of minutes of the end of the Mass so as to allow time for cleaning the church before the next Mass. No social gatherings are permitted after Mass.

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!*



## 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 14** 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.

### FEBRUARY VACATION-SUNDAY FEB. 14 - 19

| DATE           | GRADE                        | MODEL         |
|----------------|------------------------------|---------------|
| Sun., Feb 21   | GR-10 at 2:00 PM and 4:30 PM | Remote - Zoom |
| Tues., Feb. 23 | GR-9 at 6:30 PM              | Remote - Zoom |
| Thur., Feb .25 | GR-9 at 6:30 PM              | Remote - Zoom |
| Sun., Feb. 28  | GR-1 at 2:00 PM              | Remote - Zoom |

**GRADE 1 - BAPTISM:** This year the Baptism class will take place through a Zoom meeting on Sunday, February 28 at 2:00 PM. An invitation will be sent out to all the families with first grade children.

**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. The First Penance children's assessment must be completed before the children have their First Penance. Completed assessments must be returned by Friday, February 26 for our 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.marysre1870@gmail.com](mailto:st.marysre1870@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.



## World Marriage Sunday

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 are 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 these [Daily Marriage Tips](#). Maybe you'll find a new idea to strengthen your relationship.

## 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. 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](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.