



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

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Religious Education Phone: (508) 429 - 6076

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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.

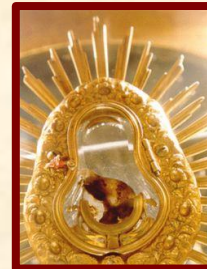
Anointing of the Sick: Any time by appointment. Please call as soon as you are aware of a serious illness or upcoming surgery.

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!

This Weekend
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. Books about the miracles will also be available for purchase.

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
or contact Jim Merski at mjmerski@gmail.com



Please make the 2021 Catholic Appeal part of Your Lenten Almsgiving. The Appeal launches in all Parishes NEXT WEEKEND.



THE APPEAL ~ The Catholic Appeal is to our Archdiocese what the weekly offertory is to our parishes. It makes possible fifty different central ministries that benefit hundreds of pastoral, charitable and educational programs. Your generous support and participation is critical to the success of the 2021 Catholic Appeal at St. Mary's and helps move us forward in hope as we seek to better embody the Gospel message in our lives. Learn more on the next two pages of this bulletin.

OUR GOAL ~ St. Mary's 2021 Appeal goal is \$87,486, the same as last year, which our parish achieved even though the Appeal launched during the pandemic shutdown of March 2020.

PARTICIPATION REBATE ~ If 140 of our Parish's Families make their 2021 Appeal Pledge by the end of next weekend, (nothing needed up front, just the pledge), then St. Mary's will qualify to receive substantial rebates from the overall Appeal.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE ~ This weekend we would normally pass out Catholic Appeal materials and pledge forms with our bulletin, but pandemic safety procedures prevent that. So how do you pledge?

(Option 1) If you have given previously to the Catholic Appeal, then you should have received a 2021 Pledge Form in the mail. Mail it to St. Mary's or to the Archdiocese, being sure to identify St. Mary's, Holliston, as your parish. You may also drop it off at St. Mary's, and we will mail it in. Any checks we receive made out to the 2021 Catholic Appeal will also be forwarded.

(Option 2) Scan the QR Code above right. Please be sure to identify yourself as a St. Mary's Parishioner.

(Option 3) Visit <https://bostoncatholicappeal.org/> and scroll to the bottom of the page to donate online, again being sure to identify St. Mary's, Holliston as your parish. This website also offers you a video to watch and detailed information about the Catholic Appeal.

Thank you for doing your part to support the good works of our wider Catholic Church, beautiful ministries that make manifest the love of Christ in the world today.

Saturday	February 27
5:00	Michael J. Poole
7:30	Greg Schmall
Sunday	February 28
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	John Calabrese
11:30	Maggie Callahan
Monday	March 1
9:00	Joseph Calapa
Tuesday	March 2
9:00	Holy Souls
Wednesday	March 3
9:00	Dan and Mary Miley



Mass Intentions

Thursday	March 4
9:00	Agatha Cossetti
Friday	March 5
9:00	Fr. Issa & the People of our Sister Parish, Our Lady of Fatima, Beit Sahour
Saturday	March 6
5:00	Earl King
7:30	Brian Evers
Sunday	March 7
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Girl Scouts of America
11:30	Roy Salvi

Teamwork



Through your generosity to the Catholic Appeal, you help provide a team of expert professionals who support our parishes, our schools, and our communities.



Our Parishes & Our Faith

Helping our 280 parishes safely serve their parishioners once the pandemic struck was truly a team effort.

Our risk management team, health care ethicist, and support staff provided comprehensive guidance and expert advice and best practices to enable parishes to offer remote and in-person services.

In addition, your contribution to the Catholic Appeal helps provide programs such as *Transformed in Love*, a program for couples preparing for marriage. Converting these in-person programs to internet-based programs enabled 1079 couples to continue their preparations for the sacrament of marriage.



Our Schools

Our teams developed in-school safety protocols and remote learning best practices so that students in our 100 schools did not fall behind during the pandemic.

Our schools have been able to maintain in-person learning throughout most of the current school year and have been cited as a model for public school systems across the state.

With the support of the Appeal, the Catholic Schools Office also provides operational assistance, faith-based guidance, and professional development programs for all diocesan schools.



Our Communities

Our Central Ministries provide services that benefit our 144 communities in numerous ways.

In addition to our Pro-life ministries and support for addiction recovery, we advocate for social justice and respect for the inherent dignity of every person through a yearly Social Justice Convocation and educational programs.




We also provide materials, virtual resources, and support to families and persons with disabilities so that they can stay connected to their Church and continue their collective journey of faith.

This is our Church, and when you support the Catholic Appeal, you support all of us.

To see more about these stories please visit bostoncatholicappeal.org to watch this year's Catholic Appeal video.



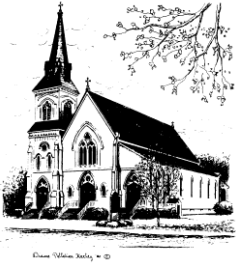
Through the generosity of donors like you, last year's Catholic Appeal raised \$14M to help the ministries of the Archdiocese of Boston support our faith, our parishes, and our communities. We are so thankful for the dedication of our extended family of faith, as together we can impact the lives of others far beyond the change we could affect on our own. Below is a breakdown of how Catholic Appeal funds were allocated to Central Ministries in 2020. **Thank you for helping these ministries continue to change lives, share our faith, and bring the presence of Christ to the world around us.**

	MINISTRIES	% of CM Budget
	Supporting Our Faith: Catholic Schools Office, Cultural Diversity & Persons with Disabilities, Deaf Apostolate, Ecumenical Affairs, Family Life, Healthcare Ethics, Palliative Care, Pro-Life Ministries, Health & Social Services, Chaplaincy Programs, and Addiction Recovery.	43%
	Supporting Our Parishes: Youth & Young Adult Ministry, Lifelong Faith Formation, Worship & Spiritual Life, Evangelization & Discipleship, Benefits, Finance, Human Resources, IT, Parish Financial Services, Property Management, and Risk Management.	36%
	Supporting Our Communities: Catholic Schools Office, Cultural Diversity & Persons with Disabilities, Deaf Apostolate, Ecumenical Affairs, Family Life, Healthcare Ethics, Palliative Care, Pro-Life Ministries, Health & Social Services, Chaplaincy Programs, and Addiction Recovery.	21%

Note: The Catholic Appeal does not provide financial support for priests on administrative leave, or the financial settlements and counseling/medication costs for victims of clergy abuse.

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Saint Mary's Parish

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

February 28, 2021
Second Sunday of Lent

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

What was Jesus doing on the mountaintop before the spiritual pyrotechnics of today's gospel occurred? Matthew is silent, but Luke's telling of this story includes the important detail that Jesus went up the mountain to pray. Jesus' transfiguration, the appearance of Moses and Elijah, the Voice of God – all these things were unleashed by the power of prayer. Together with fasting and almsgiving, prayer is one of the three pillars of our own Lenten experience. During these forty days we pray for forgiveness, for guidance, for strength, for patience and for help in becoming more like Jesus Himself.

A special opportunity for prayer is our annual 40 Hours Devotion beginning the Sunday after next, March 14 at the 11:30 AM Mass, and continuing through the Closing Benediction Mass, Tuesday, March 16 at 9 AM.

Please sign up today to spend a particular hour with the Lord:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094da5ab29a3fc1-40hours>

Three persons are needed to commit for each of the Forty Hours of continuous Eucharistic Adoration. Due to the Pandemic, we are not allowed to leave the church open, so only those three who sign up for a specific hour will be present in the church that hour. Special pandemic instructions will be emailed to all who volunteer.

In its long history, the Forty Hours Devotion has often been invoked in times of plague, famine, and national unrest. This year we ask you to pray during the Forty Hours for an end to the current Pandemic, the succor of all those harmed by it, and the repose of those who have passed. Times like these remind us of the importance of mountaintop experiences. Like Peter who wanted to "build three booths" and stay there, we too must cling to those moments when we felt especially close to and loved by God. Like the transfiguration, such moments of intense and sure faith are rare and do not last. But we hold on to the memory of them to get us through when life drags us down from spiritual heights into the valleys of sorrow and tribulation.

It was not by accident that Jesus revealed Himself to His disciples in this spectacular way on the road to Jerusalem and His own Passion. The Lord was giving Peter, James, and John a taste of the glory to come to encourage them through the difficult days ahead. What have been the times in your life that God powerfully revealed His presence and will to you? This Lent, reflect on those experiences. Remember them, savor them, and rely on them to keep your hope alive.

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

Under His Mercy,

Rev. Mark J. Coiro
Pastor



UNCOVERING THE PAST: During a plumbing repair in the rectory this week, a bathroom wall was torn open revealing this very old wallpaper. Since wallpaper was in wide use by the late 1800's, who knows? It might even have been chosen by our Founding Pastor, Fr. Quinlan! Just for fun I am enclosing magnified photos on the next page.



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

Stewardship without in person Mass attendance presents a real challenge.

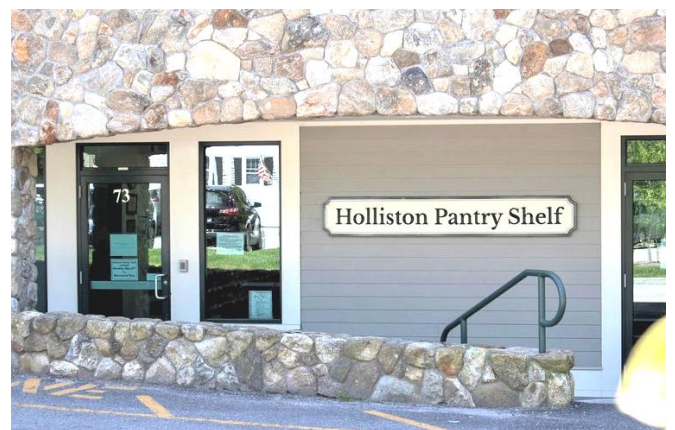
Many are now praying along with St. Mary’s Masses virtually, but with people not physically present in the church and no basket being passed, the Parish Offertory and important Second Collections can be significantly impacted.

We therefore urge all parishioners to please make the switch to Automatic Giving or WeShare.

These online services protect your Parish’s Offertory from the impact of travel, illness, (time of pandemic), severe weather, etc. They allow you to maintain your support without having to remember to mail or drop off envelopes. Even if you are at Mass in person again, these forms of giving mean not having to remember to bring checkbooks and envelopes with you.

Learn how to make the switch at:
<https://stmarysholliston.com/how-to-give/>.

“A Christian steward is one who receives God’s gifts gratefully, cherishes and tends them in a responsible and accountable manner, shares them in justice and love with others, and returns them with increase to the Lord.”



PANTRY SHELF NEEDS: Paper Towels, Juice Boxes, Canned Peaches, Canned Pears, Canned Fruit Cocktail, Canned Beef Stew and Spam. Donations are accepted at any time in the large black bin outside our Pantry. We cannot accept any items that are refrigerated, frozen, expired or opened. We can only accept food items at this time, we cannot accept household goods.

**STEWARDS
 — IN ALL SEASONS**

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

PARISH OFFERTORY LAST WEEKEND:

Automatic Giving:	\$	2,046.50
WeShare:	\$	2,018.89

Offertory Envelopes dropped off / mailed to the office: \$ 7,037.00

Total Offertory: \$ 11,102.39

Shortfall: \$ 3,897.61

SECOND COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND:
 Catholic Charities \$2,229.75 ~ Thank you.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND:
 The Church Around the World. It provides support for Catholic Relief Services, the Church in Africa and in Central and Eastern Europe and three important national Catholic missions: The Military Archdiocese, the Home Missions, and the Black and Indian Missions. Thank you.



“Jesus went up the mountain to pray.”
Luke 9:28

Three special opportunities for prayer at St. Mary’s this Lent ~

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, 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 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

Forty Hours Devotion: In celebrating this devotion, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the altar at St. Mary’s for forty continuous hours. The Forty Hours Devotion nurtures the love of the faithful for our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Additionally, three special dimensions surround this devotion:

- the protection from evil and temptation;
- reparation for our own sins and for the Poor Souls in Purgatory;
- and deliverance from political, material, or spiritual calamities. Please pray for an end to the worldwide pandemic, and for all those harmed by it.

WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS:

“At his Transfiguration Christ showed his disciples the splendor of his beauty, to which he will shape and color those who are his: ‘He will reform our lowness configured to the body of his glory.’” - Saint Thomas Aquinas

“The glory that shone around the disciples on the Mount of the Transfiguration prefigures our contemplation of God in eternity.” - St. Dionysius



Sunday, March 14

11:30 AM Opening Mass

Tuesday, March 16

9:00 AM Closing Mass with
Benediction

Normally the church is open to the public throughout the Forty Hours. Regretfully, Pandemic safety regulations make that impossible this year. So this year only the three persons signed-up for each hour may enter.

Sign-Up for a specific hour at <https://stmarysholliston.com/>.



DID YOU KNOW? Pussy willows are used throughout northern and eastern Europe to mark Palm Sunday. Besides the obvious lack of palm trees growing in those regions, the pussy willow is also used because it is one of the very first plants to bloom in springtime. For this reason, it has come to symbolize the hope of new life and resurrection.

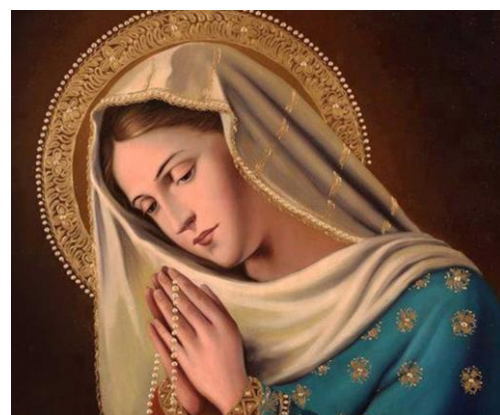
FASTING: Catholics over eighteen and up to the beginning of their sixtieth year are bound to the obligation of fasting. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are the days of fasting. On these days, only one full meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed.

ABSTINENCE: Catholics over fourteen years of age are bound to the obligations of abstinence. Abstinence is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent. On abstinence days, meat may not be used at all.

Regarding other weekdays of Lent, participation in daily Mass and the voluntary observance of fasting is recommended. Commendable, particularly during Lent, is generosity to local, national and world programs of sharing our abundance, the traditional Lenten Devotions and all the self-denial summed up in the concept of "mortification."

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

BLESSED MOTHER SCHOLARSHIP: Scholarship Applications are now available at <https://stmarysholliston.com/> under REGISTER / PARISH FORMS. This \$2,000 scholarship is granted in recognition of exceptional service to the St. Mary's Parish Family. Applicants must meet the following criteria: Graduating from High School in the Spring of 2021; Accepted to a four-year college or university to commence classes in the Fall of 2021; Family registered at St. Mary's Parish for at least two full years; Completed Religious Education and received the Sacrament of Confirmation; Attend Mass weekly at St. Mary's (virtually or in person), and are otherwise living out their Catholic faith. Applications are due to the Scholarship Committee by Easter Sunday, April 4. The Scholarship will be presented at St. Mary's Mass for the Graduating Class of 2021, Sunday, May 23 at 11:30 AM.

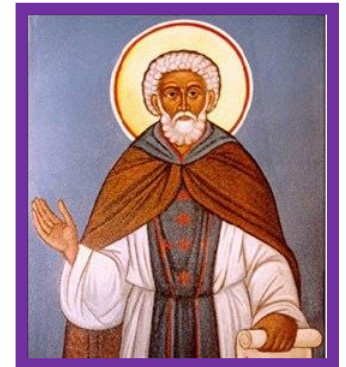


WINGS (Women in God's Spirit): Is a ministry of encouragement and enrichment for women of all ages who seek to deepen their faith and grow in relationship with God and one another. WINGS has finished our very informative and spiritually uplifting 2021 Winter Bible Study. We are now on hiatus for the next two weeks. Mark your calendars for our five week Spring season beginning on Wednesday, March 17 at 10 AM via Zoom. More details to come. Suggested donation for the Spring season is \$10.00 unless you have previously paid for the year. All women are welcome, regardless of ability to pay. Previous Fall and Winter WINGS presentations may be found at <https://stmarysholliston.com/women-in-gods-spirit-w-i-n-g-s/>. Scroll down to the bottom. Email stmaryswingssecretary@gmail.com to register or call Diane @508-259-7795. If you received the Zoom link for the Winter Program, there is no need to register for Spring. We look forward to seeing you virtually in March!

AS BLACK HISTORY MONTH CONCLUDES, WE CELEBRATE OUR BLACK CATHOLIC SAINTS. THESE ARE JUST A FEW.

ST. BENEDICT THE MOOR

St. Benedict the Moor was born in Sicily in 1526. He was the son of African slave parents, but he was freed at an early age. When about twenty-one he was insulted because of his color, but his patient and dignified bearing caused a group of Franciscan hermits who witnessed the incident to invite him to join their group. He became their leader. In 1564 he joined the Franciscan friary in Palermo and worked in the kitchen until 1578, when he was chosen superior of the group. He was known for his power to read people's minds and held the nickname of the "Holy Moor." [Learn more ...](#)



ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

For many years, Josephine Bakhita was a slave, but her spirit was always free and eventually that spirit prevailed. Born in the Darfur region of southern Sudan, Josephine was kidnapped at the age of 7, sold into slavery and given the name Bakhita, which means fortunate. She was resold several times, finally in 1883 to Callisto Legnani, Italian Consul in Khartoum, Sudan. Two years later, he took Josephine to Italy and gave her to his friend Augusto Michieli.

Bakhita became babysitter to Mimmina Michieli, whom she accompanied to Venice's Institute of the Catechumens, run by the Canossian Sisters. Josephine felt drawn to the Catholic Church. She was baptized and confirmed in 1890, taking the name Josephine. When the Michielis returned from Africa and wanted to take Mimmina and Josephine back with them, the future saint refused to go. During the ensuing court case, the Canossian Sisters and the Patriarch of Venice intervened on Josephine's behalf. The judge concluded that since slavery was illegal in Italy, she had actually been free since 1885. Josephine entered the Institute of St. Magdalene of Canossa in 1893 and made her profession three years later. The first steps toward her beatification began in 1959. She was beatified in 1992 and canonized eight years later. [Learn more ...](#)

ST. MARTIN DE PORRES

On May 16, 1962, Pope John XXIII made Martin de Porres the first black American saint. Born on December 9, 1579, in Lima, Peru, de Porres was the illegitimate son of Don Juan de Porres of Burgos a Spanish nobleman, and Ana Velasquez, a young freed Negro slave girl. From early childhood Martin showed great piety, a deep love for all God's Creatures and a passionate devotion to Our Lady. At the age of 11 he took a job as a servant in the Dominican priory and performed the work with such devotion that he was called "the saint of the broom." Martin was placed in charge of the Dominican's infirmary where he became known for his tender care of the sick and for his spectacular cures.

In recognition of his fame and his deep devotion, his superiors dropped the stipulation that "no black person may be received to the holy habit or profession of our order" and Martin was vested in the full habit and took the solemn vows as a Dominican brother. He established an orphanage and a children's hospital for the poor children of the slums. He set up a shelter for the stray cats and dogs and nursed them back to health. Many miraculous cures, including the raising of the dead, were attributed to Brother Martin. Today throughout South America, Central America and the islands of the Caribbean, people tell of the miraculous powers of St. Martin de Porres. [Learn more ...](#)





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.

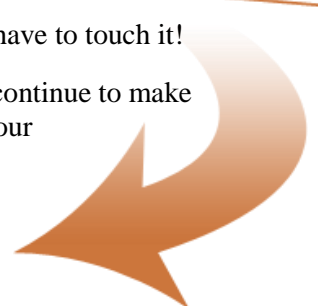
12) Please remove any papers or trash from your pew when you exit and place it in the receptacles provided at the church entrances. Please do not leave anything in the pew where a cleaner would have to touch it!

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.

God, my God, inextinguishable and invisible fire,
You make Your angels flaming fire.

Out of Your inexpressible love,
You have given me Your
Divine Body as food
and through this Holy Communion
made me a partaker of Your divinity.

As I cannot this day receive
Your Holy Sacrament,
I invite the fire of Your Divine Love
to come upon me.

Permeate all my body and soul,
all my bones and sinews.
Consume my sins in fire.

Enlighten my soul and illumine my mind.
Sanctify my body and make Your abode in me,
together with Your blessed Father
and Holy Spirit,
that I may always abide in 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.

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 28** 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
Sun., Feb 28	GR-1 at 2:00 PM Baptism Session	Remote - Zoom
Tues. March 2	GR-10 at 6:30 PM	Remote - Zoom
Thur., March 4	GR-10 at 6:30 PM	Remote - Zoom
Sun., March 7	GR-10 at 4:30 PM	Remote - Zoom

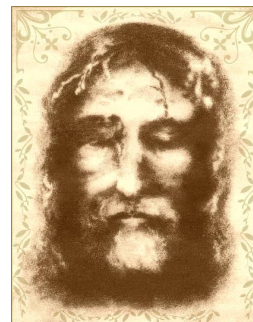
GRADE 1 - BAPTISM: This year the Baptism class will take place through a Zoom meeting on Sunday, February 28 at 2:00 PM. An invitation will be sent out to all the families with first grade children.

GRADE 2 - FIRST PENANCE DATE NOTICE: The First Penance dates are scheduled on two weekends: **Friday, March 12 at 6:30 PM** and **Saturday, March 20 at 11:30 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. Parent ZOOM meetings will be scheduled for Tuesday, March 2, Wednesday, March 3 and Thursday, March 4 at 7:00 PM. Invitations will be sent out on Sunday, February 28. 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>.

THE HOLY FACE OF JESUS: "By offering My Face to My Eternal Father, nothing will be refused, and the conversion of many sinners will be obtained." (Our Lord to Sr. Mary of St. Peter).



Be merciful to us, O my God, and reject not our prayers, when amid our afflictions. We call upon Thy Holy Name and seek with love and confidence Thine adorable Face. Amen.

GUARDIAN OF THE REDEEMER



In this year of St. Joseph, we find Pope John Paul II's (JPII) Apostolic Exhortation "Guardian of the Redeemer" (Redemptoris Custos), on the Person and Mission of Saint Joseph in the Life of Christ and of the Church as a means to reflect on Jesus' earthly father.

JPII wrote, "Inspired by the Gospel, the Fathers of the Church from the earliest centuries stressed that just as St. Joseph took loving care of Mary and gladly dedicated himself to Jesus Christ's upbringing, he likewise watches over and protects Christ's Mystical Body, that is, the Church, of which the Virgin Mary is the exemplar and model.

As from the Gospel texts, Joseph's marriage to Mary is the juridical basis for his fatherhood. It was to assume fatherly protection for Jesus that God chose Joseph to be Mary's spouse. It follows that Joseph's fatherhood – a relationship that places him as close as possible to Christ, to whom every election and predestination is ordered (cf. Rom 8:28-29) - comes to pass through marriage to Mary, that is, through the family (Ch. 2, Article. 7).

The two evangelists Matthew and Luke affirm that Jesus was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and that the virginity of Mary remained intact in the marriage (cf. Mt 1:18-25; LK 1:26-38). Thus, the Son of Mary is also Joseph's son by virtue of the marriage bond that unites them: "By reason of their faithful marriage both of them deserve to be called Christ's parents, not only His mother, but also His father, who was a parent in the same way as he was the mother's spouse: in mind, not in the flesh."

Joseph was called by God to serve the Person and mission of Jesus directly through the exercise of his fatherhood. The Church's Liturgy teaches, that he "cooperated in the fullness of time in the great mystery of salvation" and is truly a minister of salvation." JPII remarks that Joseph made his life a service, a sacrifice to the mystery of the Incarnation and to the redemptive mission connected with it ... Continued next week.

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 at 508-429-6076 if you need a **2021 CORI** Form. Everyone must fill in all sections of the CORI form marked with an asterisk where it pertains to important information. Incomplete CORI forms may result in processing delays for volunteers who serve in various ministries at St. Mary's.

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.