



## 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 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!



# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

April 4, 2021  
Easter Sunday

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

Easter Greetings in the Lord! What a joy to gather as God's family on this holiest of days. Before us stands the newly blessed Easter Candle – its flame a symbol of the light of Jesus' Resurrection dispelling forever the darkness of sin and death. We can participate in the victory of Jesus by receiving Him in faith. *"If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your hearts that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved."* (Romans 10:9) When a person sincerely receives Jesus Christ in faith, they begin to experience an inner transformation and spiritual growth begins. *"If anyone is in Christ, he or she is a new creation; the old has passed away, the new has come."* (2 Corinthians 5:17)

For many of us, the joy of this Holy Week was shadowed by the start of the George Floyd murder trial and seeing again those awful nine minutes and twenty-nine seconds. Then there was the video of the latest attack on Asians in our country, an elderly woman viciously assaulted while walking to church in New York City. It is clear that we as a society need to be "transformed" and "re-created" when it comes to matters of race. Our Lord saw the humanity and the presence of God in all people – Gentile or Jew, man or woman, rich or poor – even the gravest sinners had value in His sight. And we are not truly alive in Christ until we can acknowledge and respect the innate dignity and worth of every human being regardless of race or other distinction.

Reflecting our geographic community, St. Mary's is not a very racially diverse parish. That is why when we searched for a Sister Parish to join with as part of our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year, we deliberately chose one where the people do not look like us, speak a different language, and enjoy a history and culture other than our own. It is our hope that as our connection and personal ties to the people of Our Lady's in Beit Sahour grow, so will our appreciation for the beautiful diversity that exists among the children of God - each one created in His image. Let us as individuals also find new ways to connect to racial groups outside our own. For no matter how great the differences may seem, Jesus loved and died for us all.

God bless you.

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P.S. On the next bulletin page you will find the most recent message from Fr. Issa. Below is the Easter Greeting I sent to Our Sister Parish in Palestine.

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**Dear Fr. Issa and the People of Our Lady of Fatima in Beit Sahour,**

**Greetings from Holliston, Massachusetts. I pray that this Easter finds you healthy, joyous, and at peace.**

**Like you, the people of St. Mary's have been weathering the pandemic storm. We have found strength in the Lord, in one another, and also in you. Just as our First Friday Mass here is always offered for "the Intentions of Fr. Issa and the People of Our Sister Parish in Beit Sahour," we know that your Mass that same day is offered for us. To know that we are being prayed for in the Land of Jesus' Birth, Life, Death and Resurrection is a great blessing and comfort.**

**St. Gregory the Great once observed that, *"When we are linked by the power of prayer, we, as it were, hold each other's hand as we walk side by side along a slippery path; and thus it comes about that the harder each leans on the other by prayer, the more we are riveted together in brotherly love."***

**All of us here at St. Mary's thank you for praying for us, walking with us, and leaning on us. Even as Jesus had Simon of Cyrene at His side, so we are blessed to have all of you - our brothers and sisters in Beit Sahour - holding us up. Please know that in addition to the monthly Mass, we read an intention for you all at every single weekend Mass at St. Mary's year-round.**

**We so look forward to visiting you in person on Pilgrimage in March of 2022.**

**Until then, may Our Risen Lord keep you physically healthy and spiritually safe.**

**Under His Mercy,      Rev. Mark J. Coiro,      Pastor, St. Mary's Parish,      Holliston, Massachusetts, U.S.A.**

**PARISH STAFF:**

Rev. Mark J. Coiro, Pastor  
 Rev. Jim Flynn, Weekend Assistance  
 The Xaverian Fathers, Weekend Assistance  
 Deacon John D. Barry, 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  
 Mr. Leo Racine, Director of Contemporary Music  
 Mrs. Mary Beth Harris, Parish Secretary  
 Mrs. Paula O'Brien, Religious Education Secretary  
 Ms. Mary Sanning, Business Manager  
 Mrs. Najat Whalen, Sacristan  
 Mr. Billy Hanson, Parish Facilities  
 R & R Landscaping, Cemetery Care

**DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET:** Immediately following the 11:30 AM Mass next Sunday, Divine Mercy Sunday, the Knights of Columbus will lead the praying of the Divine Mercy Chaplet. We will gather in Fr. Haley Hall and will simultaneously live-cast the chaplet on Facebook. The chaplet is a short, beautiful prayer and is quite easy to learn. All parishioners are welcome to join us in-person or virtually. You can join virtually by connecting to the St. Mary's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/MusicAtStMarysHolliston/>. Questions about the service can be directed to Deacon Ron Dowding at: [ronald.dowding@verizon.net](mailto:ronald.dowding@verizon.net). Additional information about the chaplet can be found on the web at: <https://rb.gy/guwqms>.

**2021 EASTER CANDLE:**

This year's Easter Candle has been given in loving memory of Treva and Louis Paltrineri. The Easter Candle is used at Masses during the Easter Season and at every Baptism and Funeral throughout the year. It represents the light of Christ's Resurrection conquering the darkness of sin and death.

**UPCOMING MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>April 5</b>
9:00	Special Intention
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>April 6</b>
9:00	Sr. Ricci
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>April 7</b>
9:00	Robert Doucette
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>April 8</b>
9:00	Francine Spina
<b>Friday</b>	<b>April 9</b>
9:00	Fr. Issa & the People of our Sister Parish, Our Lady of Fatima, Beit Sahour
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>April 10</b>
5:00	Earl King
7:30	Louis and Treva Paltrineri
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 11</b>
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	John Alan Themeli
11:30	Sr. Ricci



عزيزي الاب. مرقس، أيها الإخوة والأخوات الأعزاء في أبرشية أختنا سانت ماري، هوليس تون،

ولكن ببطء شديد. لقد انتهت أتمنى أن تكون بخير خلال هذا الوقت الصعب. بالنسبة لنا، لا تزال لدينا مشكلة في الحصول على لقاح كافٍ للشعب الفلسطيني. لقد بدأوا ن تطعيم شعبها، وقد قاموا بالفعل بتطعيم أكثر من 100,000 فلسطيني يعملون في إسرائيل تماماً

الوضع الآن في رعييتي جيد. قبل شهر، كانت لدينا حالة خطيرة للغاية من فيروس كورونا؛ تحسن بعضهم، وما زال آخرون يعانون. الأربعة المصابة لم يندفعون جميعهم من الحجر الصحي. أمل أن يظل من عواقب فيروس كورونا، وتوفي خمسة. سبعة مازالوا مرضى، الوضع على مايرام حتى يتم تطعيم كل الناس.

في الأسبوع القادم سنبدأ أسبوع الآلام، وأتمنى لكم جميعاً عيد فصح مليء بالنعمة والسلام. الاب. عيسى حجازين

Dear Fr. Mark, Dear Brothers and Sisters of Our Sister Parish of St. Mary's, Holliston,

I hope you are doing well during this difficult time. For us, we still have a problem to get enough vaccine for the Palestinian people; They have started but very slowly. Israel has quite finished vaccinating its people, and they have already vaccinated more than 100,000 Palestinians who work in Israel.

The situation in my parish is now good. One month ago, we had some very serious cases of coronavirus; Some of them became better, others still suffering from the consequences of coronavirus, five died. Seven are still sick, next Wednesday all of them will finish the quarantine. I hope that the situation is still good until all the people get vaccinated.

Next week we will start Holy Week, and I wish you all an Easter full of grace and peace. Fr. Issa Hijazeen

# STEWARDSHIP



## RETIRED PRIESTS (EASTER)

Due to the Pandemic's impact on in-person Mass attendance, St. Mary's 2020 Christmas Mass Collection for Retired Priests was down by 66% from the previous year.

Please help us avoid a repeat of that drop by generously supporting the 2021 Easter Collection for Retired Priests.

These good and holy men gave their whole lives in dedicated service to us. Now let us be there for them in their need.

Please mail in or drop off to St. Mary's the special Easter Offering Envelope. Or you may contribute online at

<https://clergytrust.org/>.

WeShare and Automatic Giving gifts may also be designated for the Easter Collection. Thank you!

## CATHOLIC APPEAL

To date our parish has raised \$69,600.00 from 30% of St. Mary's active households, reaching 80% of our parish goal of \$87,486.

These contributions support the many ministries of our Archdiocese and will improve the lives of many vulnerable persons in these hard times.

If you have not yet made your Appeal contribution, please consider making a pledge soon.

(Option 1) Mail in or drop off an official Catholic Appeal Envelope, or any envelope labelled "Catholic Appeal," to St. Mary's.

(Option 2) Scan this QR Code.



(Option 3) Visit <https://bostoncatholicappeal.org/> and scroll to the bottom of the page to donate online. Thank you!

## SAINT MARY'S PARISH

Parish Offertory Last Weekend.

Automatic Giving: \$ 3,280.00

WeShare: \$ 3,174.41

Offertory Dropped  
off / mailed in: \$ 4,107.00

Total Offertory: \$10,561.41

Weekly Offertory  
Need: \$15,000.00

Offertory Shortfall  
Last Weekend: \$ 4,438.59

Offertory Shortfall  
Prior Weekend: \$ 2,329.33

We urge all parishioners to please make the switch to Automatic Giving or WeShare. Learn how to do so at:

<https://stmarysholliston.com/how-to-give/>.

These online services protect your Parish from the impact of travel, illness, bad weather, etc.



**LAUGHTER AND EASTER:** *"In the Baroque period the liturgy used to include the 'risus paschalis,' the 'Easter laughter.' The Easter homily had to contain a story that made people laugh, so that the church resounded with a joyful laughter. That may be a somewhat superficial form of Christian joy. But is there not something very beautiful and appropriate about laughter becoming a liturgical symbol?" - Pope Emeritus Benedict XVIII*

**IN THE SPIRIT OF THE "RISUS PASCHALIS," WE HOPE THIS VIDEO MAKES YOU LAUGH TODAY!**

Crispin the St. Mary's Parish Pooch in the Rectory Kitchen. Click [HERE](#).

**WINGS (Women in God's Spirit):** Please join WINGS on Wednesday, April 7 at 10 AM via Zoom for the 4th session in our Spring Season "Recognizing Grace in our Lives." Diane Barry will speak on the grace that comes with surrendering control. Diane is a wife, mother and executive in the financial services industry. She and her husband, Deacon John Barry, have been parishioners of St. Mary's for over 30 years. She has shared her time and talents as a Eucharistic Minister, Baptism Preparation Coordinator and Religious Education Teacher. She also serves on the advisory board for the Holliston Drug and Alcohol Coalition. For additional information about the WINGS ministry, please call Jen Schiller at 617-852-9632. To register for WINGS, email [stmaryswingssecretary@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryswingssecretary@gmail.com).



**THE ROSE FOR LIFE:** Is sponsored this week by Carmen and Ann Chiango. Please join them in prayer for an unborn child. May God bless you!

**CARDINAL O'MALLEY TO VISIT ST. MARY'S, HOLLISTON:** After two postponements due to the pandemic, Cardinal Sean O'Malley will celebrate Sunday Mass in our parish for the first time ever on Sunday, May 16, at 11:30 AM. The occasion is the 150th Anniversary of St. Mary's, well worth celebrating even though we are now a few months past 2020, our official anniversary year. We are honored by the visit of our Archbishop, and hope that this joyful moment will uplift and brighten the lives of all who call St. Mary's their spiritual home. Save the date!

**NEW 150th ANNIVERSARY GALA DATE SET:** Originally scheduled for last fall, but delayed by the pandemic, the Gala will now be held Saturday, November 13, in the Regency Ballroom, Double Tree Inn, Milford. There will be dinner, dancing, a silent auction and a Keynote Address by His Excellency, Robert P. Reed, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Boston and President of Boston Catholic Television. Save the date!

**WE WILL RISE AGAIN!** One of the great losses to our parish during the pandemic, has been the suspension of our awesome Middle School Youth Group. In joyful hope we have scheduled a full year of Meetings and both Social and Service Trips. Pandemic allowing, next fall we are ready to leap into a new school year of faith, friendship and fun!

*The Fall 2019 St. Mary's Middle School Youth Group Kick Off.*



## 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

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATIONS FOR 2021-2022:** Registrations will be sent out by April 15 with a return deadline of June 15, 2021. We are planning for a normal opening of classes in late September or early October with the condition that if any Archdiocesan or state restrictions are imposed again due to the pandemic with social distance limitations, our program will have to adapt to any safety mandates which may require using a virtual model for classes once again. If any family is new to Holliston or has children entering Grades K or 1 in September, go to the parish website at [www.stmarysholliston.com](http://www.stmarysholliston.com) after April 15 and download a copy of the 2021-2022 registration form under Register / Parish Forms.

**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.

O Most Holy Trinity! As many times as I breathe, as many times as my heart beats, as many times as my blood pulsates through my body, so many thousand times do I want to glorify Your mercy. -St. Faustina (163)

**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
Tues., April 06	GR-10 at 6:30 PM	Remote - Zoom
Thur., April 08	GR-10 at 6:30 PM	Remote - Zoom
Sun., April 11	GR-10 at 4:30 PM	Remote - Zoom
Mon., April 12	GR-8 at 6:00 PM	Remote - Zoom
Tues., April 13	GR-9 at 6:30 PM	Remote - Zoom
Thur., April 15	GR-9 at 6:30 PM	Remote - Zoom

**FIRST 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. Questions regarding the Grade 2 program can be directed to Fran at: [st.marysdr1870@gmail.com](mailto:st.marysdr1870@gmail.com) or to our GR-2 Coordinator, Derri Cole at: [colederr@hotmail.com](mailto:colederr@hotmail.com).

**GRADE 2 FAMILY RETREAT:** On Saturday, April 9 at 12:30 PM our Grade 2 Retreat will begin with Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Fr. Mark Coiro. This portion of the retreat will be live-streamed and engage the parents and their children in prayer and Adoration of Jesus from their homes. The remaining retreat will involve the parents working with their children on the projects provided in the Retreat Kits they received at their First Penance, a short movie and an MP3 story on the Miracles of Jesus. The live-streamed portion will be broadcast on Facebook and Holliston Cable Access.

### THE FAMILY ROSARY MISSION:

The Family Rosary Mission is an initiative to invite families to pray the Rosary together. Join us again next **Sunday, April 11**, 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)



**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>.

"Men rejected and crucified Jesus - Jesus, the messenger of God's merciful love and the Hope of God's Kingdom. Yet God did not abandon Him in death but brought him into new life. The Crucified One lives, He lives for us in God." -St. Faustina. May Christ bring you Easter blessings of joy.



## GUARDIAN OF THE REDEEMER



Continued from last week: Pope John Paul II's (JP II) Apostolic Exhortation "Guardian of the Redeemer", the person and Mission of Saint Joseph in the Life of Christ.

And so Jesus' way back to Nazareth from Bethlehem passed through Egypt. Just as Israel had followed the path of the Exodus "from the condition of slavery" in order to begin the Old Covenant, so Joseph, guardian and cooperator in the providential mystery of God, even in exile watched over the One Who brings about the New Covenant.

**Jesus' stay in the Temple:** From the time of the Annunciation, both Joseph and Mary found themselves, in a certain sense, at the heart of the mystery hidden for ages in the mind of God, a mystery which had taken on Flesh: "The Word became Flesh and dwelt among us" (Jn 1:14). He dwelt among men surrounded by the Holy Family in Nazareth – one of many families of the land of Israel. There Jesus "grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon Him" (Lk 2:40).

The Gospels summarize in a few words the long period of the "hidden" life, during which Jesus prepared Himself for His messianic mission. Only one episode from this "hidden time" is described in the Gospel of Luke: the Passover in Jerusalem when Jesus was twelve years old. Together with Mary and Joseph, Jesus took part in the feast as a young pilgrim. "And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it" (Lk 2:43). After a day's journey they noticed His absence and began to search "among their kinsfolk and acquaintances." "After three days they found Him in the Temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions; and all who heard Him were amazed at His understanding and His answers" (Lk 2:47). Mary asked, "Son why have You treated us so? Behold your father and I have been looking for you anxiously" (Lk 2:48). The answer Jesus gave was such that "they did not understand the saying which He spoke to them." He has said, "How is it that you sought Me? **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 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. 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](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.