



PEACE

BE WITH

YOU

-LUKE 24:36



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

Email Address: St.marys1870@gmail.com

Rectory Phone: (508) 429 - 4427

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!

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

MASS Intentions

Saturday	April 17
5:00	Paul T. Shea, 7 th Anv.
7:30	Margaret Ciri
Sunday	April 18
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Sandra Villa
11:30	Martin J. O'Neil, Jr. 14 th Anv.
Monday	April 19
9:00	Darlene Parker
Tuesday	April 20
9:00	Sean Michael McDonald
Wednesday	April 21
9:00	Barbara, Nat & Mark Trembath
Thursday	April 22
9:00	Nicholas & Virginia Calapa (Living)
Friday	April 23
9:00	Concetta and Carmine Spadano
Saturday	April 24
5:00	Florence "Pinky" Moloney
7:30	David Harris
Sunday	April 25
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Bernie Cornelia
11:30	Eleanor Hertel

PARISH OFFERTORY LAST WEEKEND:

Automatic Giving:	\$ 2,901.00
WeShare:	\$ 4,292.30
Offertory Envelopes dropped off / mailed in:	\$ 7,811.00
Total Offertory:	\$ 15,004.30

May God bless you for your faithful stewardship.

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

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

Our Gospel verse today starts with the two disciples who met Jesus on the road to Emmaus hurrying back to share with the other disciples what had happened. As they are sharing about their encounter with Jesus, the Risen Lord appears in their midst. It is almost as if their sharing opens a spiritual space in which the Lord is then made manifest.

In this Easter Season, let us take time to share with others our own stories of faith – those times when the Lord touched our lives with His power, His presence, His love. Maybe it was in a difficult moment, as when Jesus came to walk with the two grieving, sorrowful disciples on the Emmaus road. Maybe it was in a joyful moment, when a new opportunity opened up for us, or a prayer was answered more awesomely than we had ever thought possible.

Let us in particular talk of our personal faith with our children and teens, who are still trying to recognize the Lord and find the life's path to which He is calling them. "While they were still speaking, Jesus appeared and stood in their midst," said our Gospel verse. And when we speak of the Lord, we not only bring Him to others, we receive Him anew ourselves. By sharing, we reflect on and come to better appreciate Who Jesus has been for us, and how He has blessed our journey home to God.

In His Service and Yours,

Rev. Mark J. Coiro

SATURDAY 7:30 PM VIGIL MASS ~ HELP NEEDED

We are in need of four volunteers to help sanitize the church after the 7:30 PM Mass on Saturdays. It takes two people about twenty minutes and involves airing out the church and "misting" the pews with a sanitizing spray. All other Masses are covered by employees, but we no longer have someone to sanitize after this one Mass. If you usually attend this Mass, please consider volunteering. If we get four volunteers, then it would only be every other week. Kindly email st.marys1870@gmail.com if you can assist. Thank you.

* Only one volunteer so far. Please step up. *

EVERYONE OF YOU KNOWS,
 THAT THE FOUNDATION OF OUR RELIGION IS CHARITY.
 WITHOUT IT, ALL OUR RELIGION WOULD CRUMBLE,
 BECAUSE WE WOULD NOT TRULY BE CATHOLICS,
 AS LONG AS WE DID NOT CARRY OUT,
 OR RATHER SHAPE OUR WHOLE LIVES,
 BY THE TWO COMMANDMENTS
 IN WHICH THE ESSENCE OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH LIES –
 TO LOVE GOD WITH ALL OUR STRENGTH
 AND TO LOVE OUR NEIGHBOUR AS OURSELVES.

Blessed
 Pier Giorgio Frassatti
 (1901-1925)

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As our parish's Catholic Appeal momentum has slowed a bit, we thought these words of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassatti were a timely reminder for us all. Click [HERE](#) to learn more about this impressive young man.

2021 CATHOLIC APPEAL ~ Living Our Faith Together

We want to thank everyone from St. Mary's who has so far participated in the 2021 Catholic Appeal.

To date our parish has raised \$78,900.00 from **35%** of St. Mary's active households, reaching **91%** of our parish goal of \$87,486.

Please do your part today.

These contributions support the many ministries of our Archdiocese and will improve the lives of many vulnerable persons – our neighbors in need.

The Appeal is to our Archdiocese what the weekly offertory is to our parish. If you have not yet made your gift, please consider making a 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. 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 below.

(Option 3) Visit <https://bostoncatholicappeal.org/> and scroll to the bottom of the page to donate online. This website also offers you a video to watch and detailed information about the Catholic Appeal.

However you give, please be sure to indicate St. Mary's, Holliston as your parish so that your gift is applied to our parish goal. Thank you for doing your part – large or small according to your means – to support the good works of our Catholic Church. God bless you!

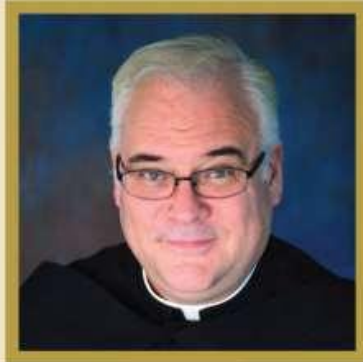


World Apostolate of Fatima, USA presents:

RECLAIMING THE FAMILY THROUGH FATHERS

An Online Fatima/St. Joseph Conference

Saturday, May 1 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM



Father David Guffey, CSC

***St. Joseph and the Longing
for a Father in Culture Today***

National Director of Family Theater Productions
and producer of the movie, PRAY.



Father Donald Calloway, MIC

Consecration to St. Joseph

Author of *Consecration to St. Joseph: The Wonders
of Our Spiritual Father* and many other books.



Devin Schadt

***The 7 Principles of St. Joseph's
Spirituality for Fathers***

Founder of the Fathers of St. Joseph

Conference is followed by a FREE screening of the movie PRAY: The Life of Patrick Peyton.

For more information and to register, visit: www.ReclaimingTheFamily.com

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT: St. Mary's Knights of Columbus Council #14224 is teaming with Green Team Junk Removal to hold an Electronics Recycling Event to donate the proceeds to the Holliston Pantry Shelf and the Metrowest Veterans Emergency Assistance Fund. Here is what can be accepted: Computer CPU scrap, motherboards, hard drives, power supplies, RAM memory, peripheral cards, keyboards, telecommunications equipment and boards, printers, phone systems, cellphones, radio equipment, gaming systems, amplifiers, and receivers. No tv's or computer monitors can be accepted. A minimum total donation of \$10 is requested for the first three items and \$5 for each additional item. The event will take place on Saturday, May 8 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM in St. Mary's church parking lot. Clear out electronic items no longer needed in your home and help our Holliston Pantry Shelf and Metrowest needy veterans.

WINGS (Women in God's Spirit): WINGS has finished our wonderful and inspiring Spring 2021 Season on Recognizing God's Grace in our Lives. You can still access all our 2020-2021 presentations on our web site <https://stmarysholliston.com/women-in-gods-spirit-w-i-n-g-s/> (scroll down to the bottom). Watch for upcoming news about our special prayer service and rosary In mid-May. We will be starting to plan for our exciting Fall 2021 season soon. The WINGS ministry provides an opportunity for women of all ages to grow in faith wherever they are on their spiritual journey. All women are welcome. For additional information about the WINGS ministry, please call Jen Schiller 617-852-9632 or email stmaryswingssecretary@gmail.com.

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 please call the Rectory at 429-4427.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: Amanda Freeman, a St. Mary's teen in High School and a member of the "Red Cross's Leader Saves Lives Program," has organized a Blood Drive on May 6, in St. Mary's Father Haley Hall from 2 to 7 PM. Amanda first donated blood at age 16 and realized how much of an impact the donation could make. This inspired her to hold the drive with the Red Cross to make an even greater impact. Let's help Amanda and the Red Cross make this drive a success! Due to COVID-19 restrictions, appointments are required and no walk-ins will be allowed. To schedule an appointment, go to RedCrossBlood.org, search by zip code (01746), and pick the blood drive titled "St. Mary's Parish" for May 6, or contact 1-800-REDCROSS. Thank you St. Mary's and thank you Amanda.



CLASS OF 2021 MASS FOR GRADUATES: On Sunday, May 23, at 11:30 AM, St. Mary's will offer her 10th Annual Mass for Graduates. This year our parish has teens graduating from six different schools. The Mass will include:

- 2021 Student Class Speaker, Ryan Stanwood,
- A Special Blessing of All Graduates,
- Presentation of the Blessed Mother Scholarship,
- Graduate Photograph (see below),
- Members of the Class of 2021 will also serve in various ministries at this Mass.

While the Pandemic prevents us from having the traditional Class group photo and reception, we have engaged a professional photographer to take an individual photo of each graduate after the Mass (outdoors so it can be mask-less). These will then be published in the Parish Newsletter, along with the name and fall plans of each graduate. Congratulations Class of 2021!

EARTH DAY 2021: This coming Thursday, April 22, is Earth Day. Celebration of Earth Day began 51 years ago and the theme this year is Restore Our Earth. Earth Day 2021's website, <https://www.earthday.org/earth-day-2021/>, says that "as the world returns to normal, we can't go back to business as usual". Check out the website for a calendar of events that will be taking place from April 20-22. At <https://www.earthday.org/earth-day-tips/> you will find 51 tips on how to Restore Our Earth. You can see some plant-based recipes (Tip #5) or calculate your carbon footprint (Tip #13). The Catholic Climate Covenant (CCC) has taken the Earth Day theme and modified it a bit to match Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical Laudato Si'; CCC's theme is Restore Our Common Home. CCC has developed a one-hour program of prayer and readings, education and reflection questions as well as suggestions for action. You can download this program at <https://catholicclimatecovenant.org/program/earth-day>.

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 after April 20 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: The last Session for Kindergarten will be on Sunday, April 25 at 10:00 AM via Zoom. For Grades 1 – 7, there are only a few sessions left for the year and if your children are behind they should complete their sessions by June 30, 2021.

THE FAMILY ROSARY MISSION:

Join us today, **Sunday, April 18** at St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Norwood at 4:00 PM for the Rosary. The Rosary will be live-streamed.

Go 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., April 25	GR-K at 10:00 AM	Remote - Zoom
Sun., April 25	GR-9 at 6:30 PM	Remote - Zoom
Sun., April 25	GR-10 at 4:30 PM	Remote - Zoom
Tues., April 27	GR-10 at 6:30 PM	Remote - Zoom
Thur., April 29	GR-10 at 6:30 PM	Remote - Zoom

CONFIRMATION I and II 2021: Parents of students in our Grades 9 and 10 Confirmation prep programs should have received a mailing that contained important end of school year information. All due dates and end of program procedures were included in this mailing.

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.marysdre1870@gmail.com or to our GR-2 Coordinator, Derri Cole at: colederr@hotmail.com.



Climb aboard for mountains of fun at Rocky Railway! On this faith-filled adventure, kids discover that trusting Jesus pulls them through life's ups and downs.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ~ 2021:

St Mary's VBS Team is working hard on planning a safe and fun outdoor summer program for VBS. So save the date for Monday July 19-Thursdays July 22 (with Friday July 23 as a rain date). Registration will open on May 15, with a limit of 50 children to St. Mary's registered families on a "first come, first serve" basis. We will have a waitlist available for families.

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>.

GUARDIAN OF THE REDEEMER



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

A Just Man – A Husband: In the course of that pilgrimage of faith which was his life, Joseph, like Mary, remained faithful to God's call until the end. While Mary's life was the bringing to fullness of that "fiat" first spoken at the Annunciation, at the moment of Joseph's own "annunciation" he said nothing; instead simply "did as the angel of the Lord had told him" (Mt 1:24). And this first "doing" became the beginning of "Joseph's way." The Gospels do not record any word ever spoken by Joseph along the way. But the silence of Joseph has its own special eloquence, for thanks to that silence we can understand the truth of the Gospel's judgement that he was "a just man" (Mt 1:19).

One must come to understand this truth, for it contains one of the most important testimonies concerning man and his vocation. Through many generations the Church has read this testimony with ever greater attention and with deeper understanding, drawing, as it were, "what is new and what is old" (Mt 13:52) from the storehouse of the noble figure of Joseph.

Above all, the "just" man of Nazareth possesses the clear characteristics of a husband. Luke refers to Mary as "a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph" (Lk 1:27). Even before the "mystery hidden for ages" (Eph 3:9) began to be fulfilled, the Gospels set before us the image of husband and wife. According to Jewish custom, marriage took place in two stages: first, the legal, or true marriage was celebrated, and then, only after a certain period of time, the husband brought the wife into his own house. Thus, before he lived with Mary, Joseph was already her "husband." Mary, however, preserved her deep desire to give herself exclusively to God. One may ask how this desire of Mary's could be reconciled with a "wedding." The answer can come only from the saving events as they unfold, from the special action of God Himself.

[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.marysrel870@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.middlesexcc.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.