





Saint Mary's Parish

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May 23, 2021
Feast of Pentecost

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Today is the Feast of Pentecost, often called the "Birthday of the Church." This was the day when Jesus took a group of frightened, unsure disciples and transformed them into fearless witnesses of His Gospel. This was accomplished by the Holy Spirit, which as described in today's Gospel Jesus sent upon His disciples with the sound of wind and the form of fire.

Perhaps take a moment today to look at the Holy Spirit window in the St. Mary transept of our own church. In it the Holy Spirit is shown as a dove, surrounded by the very tongues of flame that descended on the disciples on Pentecost. Like candles touched by fire, the disciples were set ablaze – powered now by the Spirit's sevenfold gifts to bring light to a darkened world.

The gifts of the Holy Spirit, also depicted on our window, are wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude (strength), knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. They were poured out on each of us in the Sacrament of Confirmation through the ministry of the bishop, who prayed the following words:

"All powerful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by water and the Holy Spirit you freed your sons and daughters from sin and gave them new life. Send your Holy Spirit upon them to be their helper and guide. Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgment and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence. Fill them with the spirit of wonder and awe in your presence. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen."

Then the bishop, making the sign of the cross with Holy Chrism upon our forehead, said, *"Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit."*

Once Confirmed, the Gifts of the Holy Spirit are ever present and accessible to us by prayer. They are God's own gifts, meant to empower us for Christian living and for the work of sharing with others the Gospel of Christ's love. I invite you on this Feast of Pentecost to reflect on the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, and to consider which one you feel the greatest need for at this moment of your journey home to God. Then by prayer ask God to breathe upon the embers of that gift already glowing within your soul, that it might burst into new flame and power in your life.

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

Under His Mercy,

Rev. Mark J. Coiro
Pastor

ROSES ~ Pentecost is a special Feast for me as it was the date of my First Mass of Thanksgiving as a priest. Thank you to my mom and dad for the twenty-seven red roses in the sanctuary this weekend, one to mark each year of my priesthood on this anniversary. They were too beautiful to keep in the rectory and not share!

ALWIN ~ Congratulations to Father Alwin Chinnappan, ordained yesterday to the priesthood at our Cathedral of the Holy Cross. Alwin served as a seminarian here at St. Mary's for the summer of 2018, and we rejoice at his new ministry. Please give him the gift of your prayers!

COVID PROTOCOLS ~ Major changes are going into effect next weekend, May 29. Full details will be emailed to all parishioners this coming Wednesday. One anticipated change is that those who are now fully vaccinated (two weeks past their second shot), will no longer be required to wear a mask indoors. On the matter of vaccination, please review the guidance from the Archdiocese on the following page. God bless you!

VACCINATION

The Archdiocese of Boston encourages all those eligible to be vaccinated.

There is a positive duty to save lives whenever we are able and have the opportunity to do so.

In the face of a disease that still threatens the lives and wellbeing of people around the globe, there is an urgent need to get as many people vaccinated as soon as possible.

As Catholics, we have a moral obligation to save lives, to support public health and to contribute to the common good.

The presence of new variants of the coronavirus from around the world in our Commonwealth and region has been reported, as has been the case across our country and others.

These variants are being studied in "real time," but we are seeing a possible dramatic increase in the transmissibility and the acuity of the coronavirus attributed to them.

It would seem that the only way to stop this disease is to get people vaccinated so that they are immune to the illness before the variants possibly cause or result in a resistance to the vaccine's being effective in stopping the virus. Thank you.

PRAYER DURING PANDEMIC ~

O clement, O loving, O sweet Mother Mary,
We, your children of every nation,
Turn to you in this pandemic.
Our troubles are numerous; our fears are great.
Grant that we might lay them at your feet,
Take refuge in your Immaculate Heart,
And obtain peace, healing, rescue,
And timely help in all our needs.
You are our Mother.
Pray for us to your Son. Amen.



Emergency COVID Special Collection for the Church in India and Brazil

May 13, 2021



Dear Friends In Christ,

As you may know, there is immense suffering and loss of life occurring in India and Brazil due to the pandemic. The Catholic Church, through Catholic Relief Services (CRS), is on the ground in those countries working to support local hospitals and programs which are being overwhelmed and which have reached a breaking point.

Given our own experience in the United States with regards to the pandemic and the important role the Church has in being able to respond to global events, we have an opportunity to assist relief efforts in India and Brazil. To learn more about CRS efforts in the affected areas please click [here](#).

With that in mind, Cardinal Seán has authorize an **Emergency COVID Special Collection for the Church in India and Brazil** to be taken the weekend of May 29-30 in all parishes in the Archdiocese of Boston.

The size and scope of the crisis is enormous. In India more 24 million cases have been reported with deaths surpassing 260,000. In Brazil, cases have surpassed 15 million while more than 428,000 deaths have been reported. This global pandemic is both historic and devastating in its impact. More than 161 million cases have been reported and with than 3.3 million deaths.

To participate, parishioners are asked to please **address their checks to St. Mary's Parish, with "India and Brazil Relief" in the memo. Ideally, the checks might also be in a separate envelope labelled "India and Brazil Relief, through this is not required.**

Checks may then be mailed in or dropped off to the parish. You may also participate through WeShare or via Automatic Giving.

The Parish will then send a single check to the Archdiocese of Boston, for "India and Brazil Relief." These funds will be sent in full to Catholic Relief Services.

On behalf of the Cardinal, thank you for your attentiveness to this important collection and expression of our solidarity with those who are suffering.





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, May
Thursdays from 7-9 PM.

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Website: www.stmarysholliston.com

Email Address: St.Marys1870@gmail.com

Rectory Phone: 429 - 4427

Religious Education Phone: 429 - 6076

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: Thursdays in May, 7- 8 PM in the church during Adoration, or by appointment.

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. 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

PARISH OFFERTORY LAST WEEKEND:

Automatic Giving:	\$ 4,620.00
WeShare:	\$ 5,812.50
Offertory Envelopes dropped off / mailed in:	\$ 6,310.00
Total Offertory:	\$ 16,742.50

May God bless you for your faithful stewardship.

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/>.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR SEMINARIES

THIS WEEKEND: Supports the formation and training of seminarians in the Archdiocese of Boston for service, we pray, as future priests. We are blessed that many are responding to the call to serve as priests. Please be generous and support these seminarians on their journey toward their ordination to the priesthood. For more information, please visit www.VocationsBoston.org.

MAY 23, MASS FOR THE CLASS OF 2021:

Today 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,
- Individual Graduate Photographs (after Mass),
- Members of the Class of 2021 will also serve in various ministries at this Mass. Congratulations!

Graduates are reminded to remain after Mass for individual, outdoor (mask-less) photos of each participant. These will accompany your post-graduation plans in the Newsletter.





Saturday	May 22
5:00	Patricia Clancy
7:30	Nancy Mercurio, 15 th Anv.
Sunday	May 23
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Catherine Martha Whalen
11:30	Class of 2021~ Graduates
Monday	May 24
9:00	Nancy Clancy
Tuesday	May 25
9:00	Rev. Wallace Blackwood
Wednesday	May 26
9:00	Rev. Arthur Flynn
Thursday	May 27
9:00	Rev. Henry Doherty
Friday	May 28
9:00	Elizabeth Sullivan
Saturday	May 29
5:00	Robert Ward Bierig
7:30	James Porcello
Sunday	May 30
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Linda Grady
11:30	Delores Wilverding



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE THIS TUESDAY: 12-5 PM in Fr. Haley Hall,

May 25. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, appointments are required and no walk-ins can be allowed. To

schedule an appointment, go to RedCrossBlood.org, search by entering "faithcc" and pick the blood drive titled "St. Mary's Parish" for May 25, or contact 1-800-REDCROSS.

THE ROSE FOR LIFE: Is sponsored this week by the Kampersal Family. Please join them in prayer for an unborn child.

WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS: *"And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit' (Acts 2:3-4). They partook of fire, not of burning but of saving fire; of fire which consumes the thorns of sins, but gives luster to the soul. This is now coming upon you also, and that to strip away and consume your sins which are like thorns, and to brighten yet more that precious possession of your souls, and to give you grace; for He gave it then to the Apostles. And He sat upon them in the form of fiery tongues, that they might crown themselves with new and spiritual diadems by fiery tongues upon their heads. A fiery sword barred of old the gates of Paradise; a fiery tongue which brought salvation restored the gift."* - St. Cyril of Jerusalem

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION & CONFESSION ALL THURSDAY EVENINGS IN MAY

As part of our ongoing celebration of the Year of the Eucharist, St. Mary's has been offering special Evening Adoration Celebrations once a month. This is in addition to our First Friday Morning Adoration.



In honor of Mary's Month of May, Adoration was expanded to once a week, with Confession available during the Holy Hour. The time is from 7 – 8 PM in the church, the final Thursday being this week, May 27. The Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary and a special Litany to Mary will be prayed at Adoration. Please enter the church as for Mass, opens at 6:45 PM.

WINGS: WINGS has concluded our successful and inspiring 2020-2021 year via Zoom. 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). They will be available there only until June. Soon we will begin planning for our offerings this Fall; suggested speakers and topics are always welcome. 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 information about the WINGS ministry, please call Jen Schiller at 617-852-9632 or email stmaryswingssecretary@gmail.com.

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/>.

When ready, have your family pray together the following prayer of preparation:

Throughout time, Almighty God has moved people to set apart places to pray, to worship, and to meet with God. Almighty God, we thank you for making us in Your image, for making Your presence known, and for calling us to know You. We set apart this time and this place for Your worship. Sanctify it all, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. May all we do here be to Your glory. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen. At this time, light your candle.

COMMUNION TIME: Make an Act of Spiritual Communion at Communion time. See Prayer Below.

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: 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!



AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION ~



**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.

SAFETY PROCEDURES TO ATTEND WEEKEND MASS ~

(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.

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) At this time please refrain from singing the Hymns and Responsorial Psalm. The Mass parts may be sung with mask on.

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, standing on the double arrows, remove your mask, place the Host in your mouth, and then immediately put your mask back in place.

10) Participants at Mass are asked to leave the church when their pew is dismissed at 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!

A good video to help you visualize the procedures is here: <https://vimeo.com/421142581>.



WELCOME HOME!

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/>.

SEEKING A CLOW COORDINATOR: Our CLOW Coordinator, Pat Campo-LeBlanc will be stepping down at the end of our CLOW season. Pat has worked so hard over the past few years with the leaders to provide the young children the opportunity to understand how we are all dependent on God and His love. If you have an interest in taking on this position please contact Pat at: olordymforty@aol.com for more information.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATIONS FOR 2021-2022: Registrations for the 2021-2022 school year have been mailed and can be accessed through St. Mary's website at www.stmarysholliston.com under Register / Parish Forms. The deadline for returning the Registration Form is Friday, June 18, 2021. Our program is planning on in-person classes in late September and early October unless otherwise specified by the Archdiocese of Boston for the safety and well-being of the children, staff and volunteers. We will have a better understanding of the status of the pandemic by August.



R.E. TEACHERS

NEEDED FOR 2021-

2022: Please prayerfully consider teaching a class or volunteering as a Monitor. Teachers will be needed for Grades K through 10. Contact us at 508-429-

6076 or by email at st.marysre1870@gmail.com. A Volunteer Form will be sent to you by email. God bless you for helping us share the precious gift of faith!



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 – Thursday, July 22 (with Friday, July 23 as a rain date). Registration opened 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. Watch your mail for registration forms and information!

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. Please direct any questions to Fran at st.marysre1870@gmail.com or to our GR-2 Coordinator, Derri Cole at: colederr@hotmail.com.

HELP! GRADE COORDINATORS NEEDED FOR GRADES 1 AND 5:

Our program needs people of good faith to volunteer to Coordinate Grade 1 and another volunteer to Coordinate Grade 5 for the upcoming school year in our program. Training will be provided by the DRE. Contact Fran if you can take one of these roles as a coordinator at 508-429-6076 or st.marysre1870@gmail.com.

Please note that R.E. Coordinators are responsible for guiding and assisting both teachers and students in growing in their relationship with Christ and His Church. Since this is done best by example, all parish coordinators are required to be regularly practicing members of the St. Mary's Worshipping Community.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: Please join us at 10 AM on Friday, June 4, at the Fatima Shrine Outdoor Chapel, 101 Summer Street in Holliston as the women of the World Day Of Prayer Committee of Vanuatu call us to worship with the words inspired by Matthew 7:24-27, "Build on a strong foundation" found in the last paragraph of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. The women of Vanuatu reassure us that God's creation is built on a strong foundation. Let us walk in faith and prayerful action!

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.

Patron of the Church in Our Day: At a difficult time in the Church's history, Pope Pius IX, wishing to place Her under the powerful patronage of the holy patriarch St. Joseph, declared him "Patron of the Catholic Church." For Pius IX this was no idle gesture, since by virtue of the sublime dignity which God has granted to His most faithful servant Joseph, "The Church, after the Blessed Virgin, his spouse, has always led him in great honor and showered him with praise, having recourse to him amid tribulations."

What are the reasons for such great confidence? Leo XIII explained it in this way: "The reason why St. Joseph must be considered the special patron of the Church, and the Church in turn draws exceeding hope from his care and patronage; chiefly arise from his having been the husband of Mary and the presumed father of Jesus . . . , Joseph was in his day the lawful and natural guardian, head and defender of the Holy Family It is thus fitting and most worthy of St. Joseph's dignity that, in the same way that he once kept unceasing holy watch over the family of Nazareth, so now does he protect and defend with his heavenly patronage the Church of Christ.

The Church also calls upon Joseph as Her protector . . . with true evangelical virtues, such as shine forth in St. Joseph. Recalling that God wished to trust the beginnings of our redemption to the faithful care of St. Joseph, She asks God to grant that She may faithfully cooperate in the work of salvation: that She may receive the same faithfulness and purity of heart that inspired Joseph in serving the Incarnate Word; and that She may walk in the ways of holiness and justice, following Joseph's example and through his intercession.

[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. 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 adjustment** 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.