

Corpus Christi Sunday

Jesus, Body and Blood,
we are grateful for the gift
of your life
and the way it strengthens us
to live ours.

Teach us to draw on the gift
of your Body and Blood
for energy, renewal,
strength and grace.

May we never take the gift
of your presence for granted.

Amen.



St. Mary's Parish



Our Mission:

"To know Christ and to make Him known."

8 Church St., Holliston, MA 01746

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Religious Education Phone: (508) 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!

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

Confession: Saturdays from Noon to 12:45 PM, or by advance 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:	\$ 4,050.00
WeShare:	\$ 3,403.63
Offertory Envelopes dropped off / mailed in:	\$ 6,165.00
Total Offertory:	\$ 13,618.63

**OFFERTORY
SHORTFALL: \$ 1,381.37**

May God bless you for your faithful stewardship.
 Thank you for making up any missed weekly
 offertory support.

SECOND COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND:

Special Collection for the Church in India and Brazil,
 \$2,385.00 ~ Thank you.

THE ROSE FOR LIFE: Is sponsored this week by
 John and Maureen Klauser. Please join them in prayer
 for an unborn child. To sponsor the Rose, please call
 508-429-4427.



MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday	June 5
5:00	Vasco and Pauline Brovelli
7:30	John and Helen Shannahan
Sunday	June 6
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Choir Promotion Mass
11:30	Marie Meehan, 9 th Anv.
Monday	June 7
9:00	Rev. Paul MacDonald
Tuesday	June 8
9:00	Rev. Leo Cormier
Wednesday	June 9
9:00	Elizabeth Sullivan
Thursday	June 10
9:00	Holy Souls
Friday	June 11
9:00	Costantina DiCenso, 12 th Anv.
Saturday	June 12
5:00	Helen Fleming
7:30	Marion Kampersal
Sunday	June 13
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Stephen J. Warren, 23 rd Anv.
11:30	Mary N. Costello

NEED A BREAK? TRY A 3-MINUTE RETREAT:

You can get a "3-Minute Retreat" sent right to your email mailbox each day by visiting <https://www.loyolapress.com/3-minute-retreats-daily-online-prayer/>. Three minutes a day can give you 24 hours of peace. This website has a wealth of information for all ages. Click "start" when ready.

REGISTER FOR FALL RELIGIOUS

EDUCATION BY JUNE 18, 2021! 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. 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. More information to follow.

WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS:

"With all the strength of my soul I urge you young people to approach the Communion table as often as you can. Feed on this bread of angels whence you will draw all the energy you need to fight inner battles. Because true happiness does not consist in the pleasures of the world or in earthly things, but in peace of conscience, which we have only if we are pure in heart and mind."

- Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati



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June 6, 2020
Feast of Corpus Christi

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

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. We remember that the Eucharist is not something but someone – the True and Living Presence of Jesus in our midst. One of the great hardships of the pandemic for Catholics was being deprived for so long of the spiritual sustenance of Holy Communion and the intimate encounter with Jesus that receiving His Body makes possible. It is a true joy that so many can now take their places again at the Table of the Lord.

A true story comes from the old West, about a group of Apache Indians who attacked a US Army Cavalry unit. During the attack, the Apaches managed to capture the paymaster's safe. They had never seen a safe before, but they knew it contained gold. So they tried all they could think of to open it. They beat the safe with tomahawks. They dragged it over the ground with their horses. They heated it on a fire. They tried to blast it open with gunpowder. Finally, they dropped it off a cliff into a deep ravine. In spite of their best efforts, however, the safe held tight. Finally, the Apaches gave up, and left it behind.

A few days later, the army found the abandoned safe. The paymaster immediately rushed to it, turned the combination, and within a few minutes had it open. For all practical purposes, the gold inside was inaccessible, until someone was found who knew the combination.

On this Feast of Corpus Christi, we remember that the Eucharist is like that U.S. Calvary safe. It contains gold. It holds for us a great treasure – which is the power, and the grace and the True Presence, of Jesus Christ. So how do we access the gold? Just receiving Holy Communion is not enough. Receiving Communion gives us the safe, but how do we access the treasure inside? For that, we need the combination. And the combination, is this: To pray. To walk back to our pew after we have received Communion, and to pray. To pray in silence. To pray in song. To pray for our loved ones, to pray for our enemies. To pray for forgiveness, for guidance, for help in time of need. To open up the treasure which is the Eucharist, by talking, to the Lord Jesus Whom we have just received.

I remember when I was a little boy, my mother taught my brother and sisters this wisdom when it came to praying after receiving Communion. She said, *"If you find yourself watching other people receive, then it means your attention has drifted away from prayer. If that happens, close your eyes, and try to think of nothing but Jesus, and of the love He has for you. And that will get your prayer back on track."*

My mother is a smart woman. And she is in some pretty good company: St. Theresa of Ávila urged her daughters to treasure the opportunity for praying after Communion. She said that, *"In Communion, Jesus rests upon the soul as on a throne of grace, and He says to the soul: 'What do you want that I should do for you?' And then He waits for the soul's prayerful answer."*

St. Faustina said that she received this word from Jesus, who told her: *"My great delight is to unite myself with souls... When I come to a human heart in Communion, my hands are filled with graces which I want to give to souls. But souls do not pay attention to me: they leave me to myself and busy themselves with other things. They do not recognize love."*

On this Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, let us recommit ourselves, as individuals and as a parish, to "recognize love." To offer Jesus, each week, together, after Communion, the prayer that He is due. To avoid exiting the Mass early except in the case of illness or other emergency. To set a good example of Communion prayer for the children at Mass with us. And by our prayer, to "open up" the great treasure that is the Eucharist - the True and Living Presence of Jesus Christ Himself.

In His Service and Yours,

Rev. Mark J. Coiro
Pastor

RACE AMITY: Race Amity is about peace and harmony between peoples of all cultures and races. It recognizes the value of and need for true collaboration to advance and promote access, equity, and social justice for all as our society moves towards the goal of achieving *E Pluribus Unum*, “out of many, one.” **Sunday, June 13, is Race Amity Day in Massachusetts.**

Earlier this year, our parish hosted a *JustFaith* ministry’s small group program entitled *Faith and Racial Equity: Exploring Power and Privilege*. Alumni from this program, and from similar *JustFaith* programs held elsewhere in the MetroWest area, have planned an interfaith prayer vigil to celebrate the day with the wider community, and we warmly invite you to join in this hope-filled occasion.

Our Race Amity Day Prayer Vigil will be held on Natick Common (12 S. Main St., Natick) next Sunday, June 13, from 7 - 8 PM. For more information about the Prayer Vigil, please contact Leo Racine at leoaracine@msn.com or Danielle Heitmann at dnheitmann@gmail.com.

To learn more about *JustFaith* Ministries, you can go to <https://justfaith.org/>; you can visit the website of the National Center for Race Amity at <https://raceamity.org/> for more information about Race Amity.



IMMORTAL COMBAT: Today, we are more divided than ever. How can we hope to reunite our society when everything seems tainted by fear and mistrust of the other? How can we break the vicious cycles of pride, prejudice, and revenge? From the author who brought you the book ‘Immortal Combat,’ comes a live, four-day event that will usher you into a circle of spiritual warriors strategizing how to fight darkness with light. Fr. Dwight’s course helps you dive into the primary mission of your life and fend off the evils that can ensnare you on the way. Great & Main, a local publishing and community organization company, is hosting this online course on June 7, 9, 14, and 16 from 8 to 9:15 PM. The price was recently discounted to \$79. Please reach out to St. Mary’s parishioner Meghan Krenselewski at meghan@greatandmain.com with any questions! Register here: <https://greatandmain.com/longenecker-masterclass-immortal-combat/>.

VIRTUAL TOUR OF THE MUSEUM OF RUSSIAN ICONS ~ ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED ~

WINGS Holliston invites members, and any and all parishioners and friends to join us for a Virtual Tour of the Museum of Russian Icons, **Wednesday, June 16, from 10:00 - 11:00 AM**. An icon is an image of a holy person or event. The goal of the icon is described as bringing ‘theological themes into ordinary life, thus creating an ‘alternate reality’ – a window into the holy. As Catholics, we aim to create and live in this alternate reality by being Easter people living in a Good Friday world. Icons range in size from very small (used in the home) to large (used in cathedrals). Most of the items in the Museum’s collection are created with paint on wooden board and date from the 17th to the 19th centuries.



The Museum’s Director of Education & Visitor Services, Amy Consalvi, will narrate a 45 minute interactive tour of several important icons in the Museum’s large collection, describing how they are painted, their theological significance and their goal of bringing theological themes into practical life. There will be time for questions. Join us for this opportunity to explore the Museum’s treasures without leaving home!

Please reserve a space by June 14 by using the Sign Up Genius link below. You will be sent the link to the virtual tour prior to June 16 through Sign Up Genius. There is no cost for this tour, but it is limited to one hundred persons.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094da5ab29a3fc1-wings>. Please call Marilyn Lourandos with any questions at 508-429-4032.



SUMMER IS COMING! PLEASE CONSIDER SWITCHING TO ELECTRONIC GIVING FOR YOUR PARISH SUPPORT.

Each year, St. Mary's faces the challenge of a summer offertory drop off when people are travelling. Just as your mortgage, utility bills, etc., all still have to be paid when you are on vacation or otherwise away from home, so St. Mary's expenses still remain when you are not able to worship at your own parish on a given weekend.

That is why making up your "missed" weekly offertory support is so very important. Mass envelopes can help you keep track of this.

But an even better option is electronic giving. This allows you to maintain your customary weekly parish support even when you are away on vacation. It also protects your parish on long holiday weekends, foul weather weekends, sickness, (even pandemic), or other challenges during the year.

These online services 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 / or 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."

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.

THE PARISH CENTER IS NOW OPEN FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY.

Please sanitize your hands upon entering and kindly wear a mask if unvaccinated. Thank you and welcome back!

VIRTUAL CLOW: The Children's Liturgy of the Word has ended for this year. If you would like the children can go back and review this year's prerecorded weekly lessons. Click on the following link and then once on the web page, click on prerecorded lessons.

<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: olordyimforty@aol.com for more information.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION FOR 2021-2022:

Registrations for the 2021-2022 school year are due by **Friday, June 18,**

2021. The registrations can be accessed through St. Mary's website at www.stmarysholliston.com under Register / Parish Forms. 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. Just 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 with the children and youth!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ~ 2021:

St. Mary's VBS Team is getting ready to welcome the children for a great outdoor VBS adventure. Please send in the VBS registration today if you want your child to participate this summer. Save the date for Monday, July 19 – Thursday, July 22 (with Friday, July 23 as a rain date). We will have a waitlist available for families. Watch your mail for registration forms and information!



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.

FIRST COMMUNION:

The dates for First Holy Communion Masses have been set for next 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, 5, 8 AND 9:

Our program needs people of good faith to volunteer as Grade Coordinators for Grades 1, 5, 8 and 9. We are thankful to Bobby Skerry for his many years of service to St. Mary's parish coordinating the Grade 9 youth. 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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION RECIPIENTS

TODAY: Today we welcomed **Megan Ellen Haley** and **Adeline Ann Taylor** to the table of the Lord to receive Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. May their hearts be open to the graces and blessings Jesus offers them in Holy Communion so that He can transform and invite them into the most inner chambers of His Sacred Heart as His new forever friends.

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ



Today, June 6, 2021 is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, also known as the Feast of Corpus Christi.

This feast calls us to focus on two manifestations of the Body of Christ, the Holy Eucharist and the Church. The primary purpose of this feast is to focus our attention on the Sacrament of the Eucharist. The opening prayer at Mass moves our attention to Jesus' suffering and death and our worship of Him, especially in the Eucharist.

At every Mass we are called to the Eucharist and the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in this august Sacrament, while the secondary focus of this feast is upon the Body of Christ (God's people) as it is present in the Church. The Church is called the Body of Christ because of the intimate communion which Jesus shares with His Church, His Bride. He expresses this in the Gospels by using the metaphor of a body in which He is the head.

This Solemnity honors Jesus Christ, Really, Truly and Substantially Present under the appearances of bread and wine. Christ's Presence happens through the change which the Church calls transubstantiation ("change of substance"), when at the Consecration of the Mass, the priest says the words of institution which Christ Himself pronounced over bread and wine at the Last Supper, "This is My Body," "This is the chalice of My Blood," "Do this in remembrance of Me.

Jesus said to [the Jews], "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats My Flesh and drinks My Blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For My Flesh is true food, and My Blood is true drink. Whoever eats My Flesh and drinks My Blood remains in me and I in him" (Jn. 6:53-56).

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.