



Thus says the Lord GOD:
 I, too, will take from the crest of the cedar,
 from its topmost branches tear off a tender shoot,
 and plant it on a high and lofty mountain;
 on the mountain heights of Israel I will plant it.
 It shall put forth branches and bear fruit,
 and become a majestic cedar.
 EZ 17:22-23



St. Mary's Parish



Our Mission:

“To know Christ and to make Him known.”

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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!

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!



June 8, 2021

Brothers and Sisters,

“Without the Lord’s day, we cannot live!” His Holiness, Pope Benedict, in his homily at the Cathedral of Saint Stephen in Vienna on September 9, 2007, quoted the Abitinian Martyrs, who during the persecution of Emperor Diocletian were arrested for celebrating Sunday Mass. The martyrs responded to the magistrate: “*Sine dominico non possumus!*” – without the Lord’s day, we cannot live! The Pope went on to say: “For these Christians, the Sunday Eucharist was not a commandment, but an inner necessity. Without him who sustains our lives, life itself is empty. To do without or to betray this focus would deprive life of its very foundation, would take away its inner dignity and beauty.”

Aware that the opportunity to participate in Sunday Mass is increasingly available and increasingly safe for our Catholic people, we are joining dioceses in the Boston Province (Boston, Fall River, Springfield, Manchester, and Portland) in lifting the dispensation of the Sunday and Holy Day Mass obligation, effective the weekend of June 19 and 20, 2021.

We are mindful of the Lord’s statement: “Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” (Mt 18:20). While we certainly can pray alone, there is both strength and blessedness in communal prayer.

We do also note that attendance at Mass is our way of following the Third Commandment of the Decalogue: “Remember the sabbath day – keep it holy. For six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them;

but on the seventh day he rested. That is why the LORD has blessed the sabbath day and made it holy.” (Ex. 20:8,11)

We call to mind the many times we see Jesus observing the sabbath by going to the synagogue and teaching there (Mt 13:54, Mk 1:21-28, Lk 4:16-30, Jn 6:22-59). It is a desire of every Christian to conform his or her life to the life of Jesus, and Jesus went to the synagogue on the sabbath.

Most significantly, receiving the Eucharist is the center of every Catholic life. The Lord commands us to take and eat, and to do it in memory of Him. (Mt 26:26-30, Mk 14:22-26, Lk 22:14-20, 1 Cor 11:23-26, CCC 1324). The Eucharist is food for our difficult journey through life, filling us with joy and strengthening us to embrace our suffering. It transforms us from the inside out and creates a unity among us that is a strong witness to the whole world.

Therefore, it is with great confidence and trust in the Lord that we reinstate this Sunday Mass obligation. It has been a long, difficult year. People have experienced great pain and suffering throughout this pandemic. Loss of life has been immense. People continue to recover from the long-term effects of the coronavirus.

The heroes among us — our nurses, doctors, first responders and all medical professionals — were a source of enormous comfort. Priests brought the Sacrament of the Sick to COVID patients. Now we are able to join together, remembering the lives changed and the sacrifices made. Let us gather together again in joy, as one people united around the Eucharist.

In this year of Saint Joseph, who was always a faithful observer of the sabbath, we chose Father’s Day as an appropriate day to encourage all of our people, and especially our families, to return to the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist.

This obligation does not apply to those who are ill; those who have been recently exposed to COVID or any other communicable illness; those who are confined to their homes or to hospitals or other facilities due to illness, infirmity, frailty, or age; and those who are not yet able to be vaccinated, due to age or any health consideration. Parishioners should consult their local pastor if they have questions about the obligation.

To all of those who have not been able to be with us during this last year, we look forward to welcoming you back to the celebration of the Mass.

Thank you, and God bless you.

Cardinal Seán P. O’Malley, OFM Cap
Archbishop of Boston

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: \$ 4,469.00
 WeShare: \$ 3,279.58
 Offertory Envelopes
 dropped off / mailed in: \$ 6,242.00
 Total Offertory: \$ 13,990.58

**OFFERTORY
 SHORTFALL: \$ 1,009.42**

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

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND:

This week’s second collection Promoting the Gospel supports the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) and the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Through the work of CCHD and CCC the Gospel is promoted by supporting those in poverty, providing grants to community based groups and using the entire array of media tools available today to evangelize and promote Gospel values. For more information please visit www.usccb.org/cchd or www.usccb.org/catholicgiving/opportunities-for-giving/catholiccommunication-campaign/index.cfm.

THE ROSE FOR LIFE: Is sponsored this week by a parishioner in memory of Vasco and Pauline Brovelli. Please join her in prayer for an unborn child. To sponsor the Rose, please call 508-429-4427.

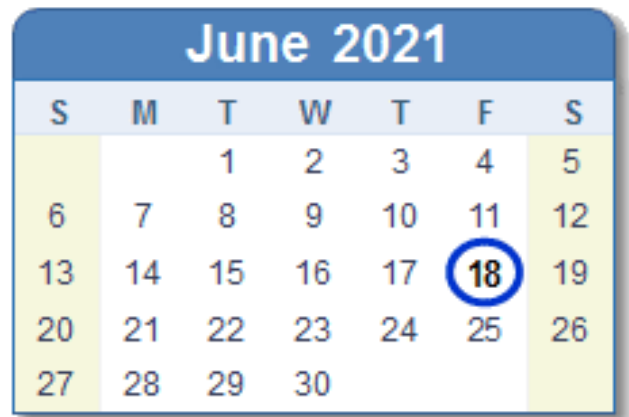


CONFESSIONS AT ST. MARY’S:

The regular Confession Schedule of Saturdays from Noon to 12:45 PM has now resumed. May this Holy Sacrament cleanse us, forgive us, heal us, and strengthen us against temptation. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS:

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, 23rd Anv.
 11:30 Mary N. Costello
Monday June 14
 9:00 Margaret Woods
Tuesday June 15
 9:00 Jerzy Zeglarski
Wednesday June 16
 9:00 Irvin Duclos
Thursday June 17
 9:00 Paul T. Shea
Friday June 18
 9:00 Frank Apuzzo
Saturday June 19
 5:00 Vincent Mullen
 7:30 Richard “Dick” and Joan Lanoue
Sunday June 20
 7:30 People of St. Mary’s
 9:30 Rose Marie Gallagher
 11:30 Maryellen Miller



**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, www.stmarysholliston.com under Register / Parish Forms. The deadline for returning the Registration Form is this coming 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.



**St. Mary's Congratulates
this Weekend's First Communicants
and Rejoices To Welcome Them
To the Table of the Lord!**



Isabella Lucia Acevedo
 Camila Alborno
 Austin Andrew Bachman
 Benjamin Paul Baril
 Caroline Patricia Bernier
 David Robert Blackerby
 Madison Beatrice Blackerby
 Erin Kathleen Breen
 Caitlin Lindberg Bresnahan
 Liliana Marie Canto
 Grace Antonia Caruso
 Andrew Christopher Cataldo
 Ellie Marie Clark
 Adeline Cormier
 Coleman Cormier
 Julianne Isabelle Digiacomio
 Clayton Paul Duffy
 Charlotte Genevieve Ehret
 Sean Gregory Ellis

George William Floeckher
 Mia Gilberte Forchielli
 Anne Marley Gallagher
 Emmy Deborah Giallonardo
 Bennett James Gilbreath
 Alexandra Mae Gleason
 Samuel Morris Haan
 Megan Ellen Haley
 Isla Grace Harding
 Lindsay Meredith Haynes
 Ryker Baron Heidelberg
 Peter Martin Jakobsen
 Cooper Joseph Jarboe
 Anthony Patrick Oldford
 Caitlin Judith Rotz
 Keira Elise Saari
 Hailey Alice Schroeder
 Adeline Ann Taylor
 Emma Louise Tobin
 Chase Ryan Truax



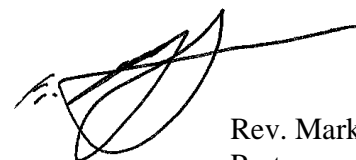
From the Pastor's Desk

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

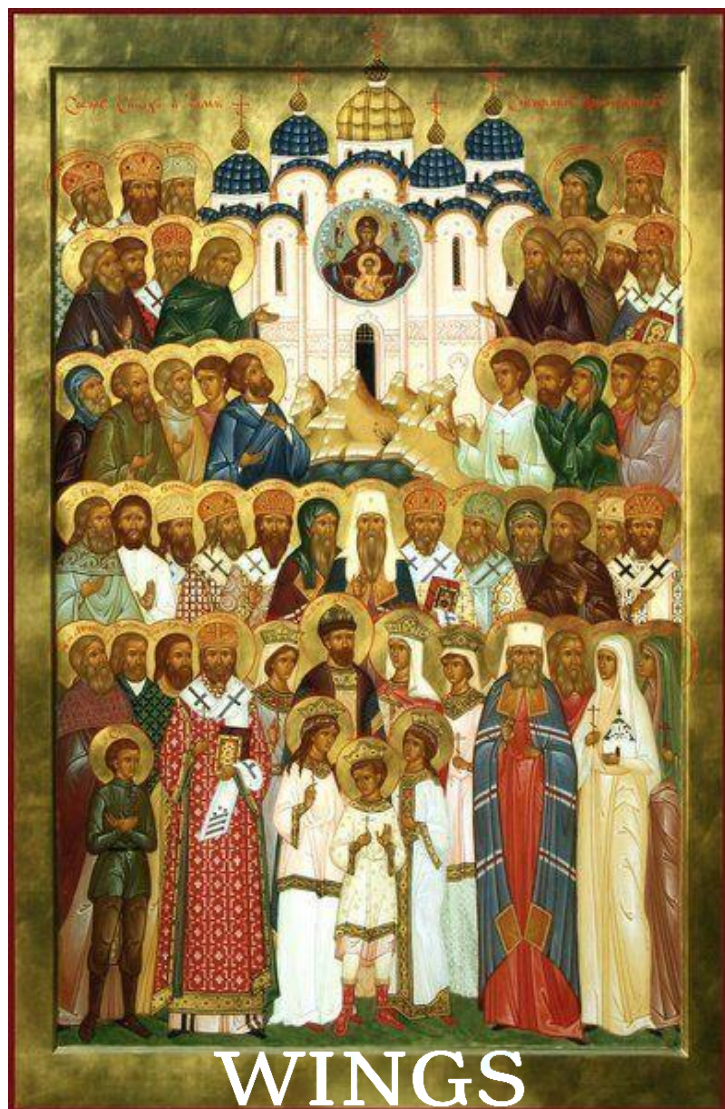
Congratulations to all the children making their First Holy Communion at St. Mary's this weekend and next. May it be an experience that becomes holy habit, infusing them and their families with Jesus' own love and the gifts of unity and peace that flow therefrom.

Like the mustard seed Jesus speaks of in today's Gospel, the Communion Host is very small. But mighty and massive faith can grow from it – or rather Him – since the Eucharist is nothing less than Jesus Himself. The power of this Most Blessed of the Sacraments was beautifully described by Pope Saint Pius X when he said, *“Holy Communion is the shortest and safest way to Heaven. There are others: innocence, but that is for little children; penance, but we are afraid of it; generous endurance of trials of life, but when they come we weep and ask to be delivered. The surest, easiest, shortest way is the Eucharist.”*

God bless you.



Rev. Mark J. Coiro
 Pastor



VIRTUAL TOUR OF THE MUSEUM OF RUSSIAN ICONS THIS WEDNESDAY ~ 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, this **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!

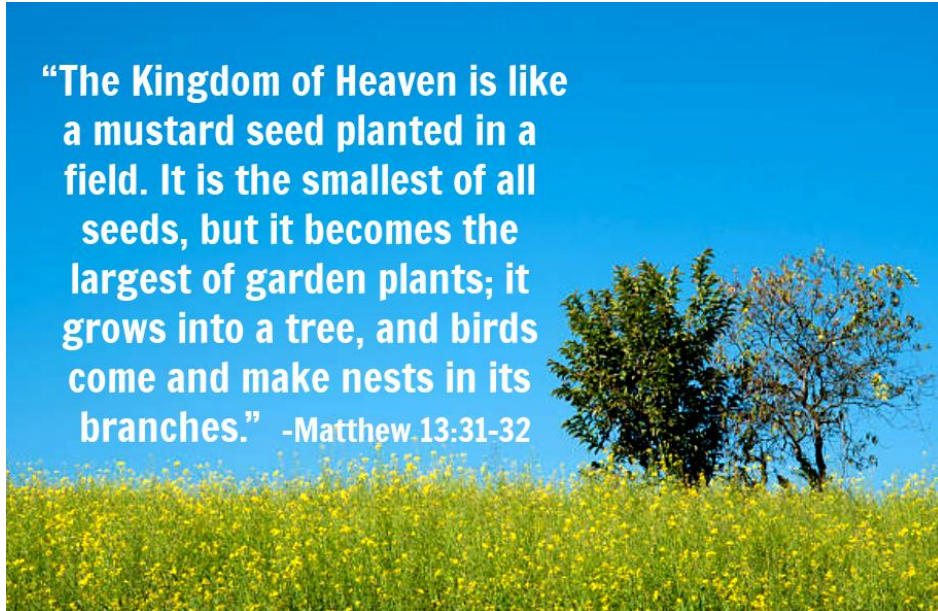
Please reserve a space by June 14 by using the Sign Up Genius link below. You will be sent the link to the virtual tour prior to June 16 through Sign Up Genius. There is no cost for this tour, but it is limited to one hundred persons. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094da5ab29a3fc1-wings>. Please call Marilyn with any questions at 508-429-4032.

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." **Today, 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) today, 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.

WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS: "A tree is known by its fruit; a man by his deeds. A good deed is never lost; he who sows courtesy reaps friendship, and he who plants kindness gathers love." - Saint Basil



“The Kingdom of Heaven is like a mustard seed planted in a field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but it becomes the largest of garden plants; it grows into a tree, and birds come and make nests in its branches.” -Matthew.13:31-32

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. Your children can always go back and review this year's prerecorded weekly lessons. Just 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 has stepped down after several years as our CLOW Coordinator. We will need a new CLOW Coordinator and 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](http://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 AND MONITORS ARE 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:

Registration is extended to June 25. St. Mary's VBS Team is getting ready to welcome the children for a great VBS adventure. Please send in the VBS registration 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 email for notices from our VBS team!



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: This weekend on Saturday, June 12, thirty six children received Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Their names are posted in this Sunday's bulletin. May their hearts be open to the graces and blessings Jesus offers them every week with St. Mary's community at Mass.

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.marysdre1870@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.

GRADE LEVEL ASSESSMENTS: Grade level assessment have been sent out to the families of Grades 3 through 7 to be completed at home. Students can use the textbooks to complete the answers. The assessment is being given to help us understand what the students have learned. Parent comments and feedback is very important so that we can improve the program and determine what areas of each grade level needs improvement to assist the teachers in the classroom this coming fall.

**POPE FRANCIS ISSUES APOSTOLIC LETTER
"ANTIQUUM MINISTERIUM"
INSTITUTING THE MINISTRY OF CATECHIST**



The Pope's Apostolic Letter on the Ministry of the Catechist will be outlined over a few weeks so that we as laity can understand our role as teachers in proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ.

1. The ministry of Catechist in the Church is an ancient one. Theologians commonly hold that the first examples are already present in the writings of the New Testament. The service of catechesis may be traced back to those "teachers" mentioned by the Apostle in writing to the community of Corinth: "Some people God has designated in the Church to be, first, apostles; second, prophets; third, teachers; then, mighty deeds; then, gifts of healing, assistance, administration, and varieties of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work mighty deeds? Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? Strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts. But I shall show you a still more excellent way" (*1Cor. 12:28-31*). Saint Luke begins his Gospel by stating: "I too have decided, after investigating everything accurately anew, to write it down in an orderly sequence . . . , so that you may realize the certainty of the teachings you have received" (*Lk 1:3-4*). The evangelist seems to be well aware that his writings offer a specific form of instruction that can give firm assurance to those already baptized. The Apostle Paul, for his part, tells the Galatians that: "one who is being instructed in the Word should share all good things with his instructor" (*Gal 6:6*) . . . it speaks of the communion of life as a sign of the fruitfulness of an authentic catechesis.

2. The Apostle Paul authoritatively attests to this when he states that "there are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit. To one is given through the Spirit the expression of wisdom; to another the expression of knowledge according to the same Spirit; to another faith by the same Spirit [To be continued]

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.