



St. Mary's Parish

Our Mission:

"To know Christ and to make Him known."

Mass Schedule:

Monday through Friday
9:00 AM

Saturday Vigils
5:00 PM
7:30 PM

Sunday
7:30 AM
9:30 AM Family Mass
(C.L.O.W. Sept. – May)
11:30 AM Sung Mass

Holy Days: Announced

Adoration Schedule:

First Fridays from
9:30-10:30 AM

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Rectory Phone: (508) 429 – 4427

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!

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
 Mrs. Theresa Virzi, Grades 8-11 and Youth Minister
 Mr. Kevin Lyczak, Director of Music
 Mrs. Mary Beth Harris, Parish Secretary
 Mrs. Paula O'Brien, Religious Education Secretary
 Ms. Mary Sanning, Business Manager
 Mrs. Najat Whalen, Sacristan
 Mr. Billy Hanson, Parish Facilities
 R & R Landscaping, Cemetery Care

**STEWARDSHIP***Managing God's Gifts To Us***WEEKLY OFFERTORY NEEDED TO PAY OUR PARISH'S BILLS: \$15,000.**

Automatic Giving:	\$ 4,494.00
WeShare:	\$ 3,262.03
Offertory Envelopes dropped off / mailed in:	\$ 6,453.00
Total Offertory:	\$ 14,209.03

SHORTFALL LAST WEEKEND: \$790.97**PLEASE MAKE THE SWITCH**

Parishioners not currently using Automatic Giving or WeShare, are urged to please sign up for one of those services. These help prevent offertory shortfalls. Full details on how to do so are provided on the St. Mary's Website under the HOW TO GIVE tab:

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

We recommend setting up the WeShare option, which can be done right now on your computer by clicking here: <https://stmarysholliston.weshareonline.org/>.

If you are unable to do Automatic Giving or WeShare, then please drop off or mail in any missed parish offertory support for weeks you are away. The financial health of your parish depends on it. Thank you.

RECTORY OFFICE AUGUST HOURS: Please note that during the month of August the Rectory Office is closed on Mondays and Tuesdays. On other weekdays it remains open the usual 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM hours.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday	August 14
5:00	Assumption of Mary
7:30	Assumption of Mary
Sunday	August 15
7:30	Assumption of Mary
9:30	Assumption of Mary
11:30	Assumption of Mary

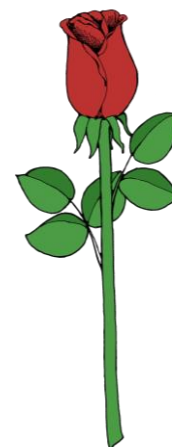
WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS: *"And with regard to ourselves, how deservedly do we keep the Feast of the Assumption with all solemnity. What reasons for rejoicing, what motives for exultation have we on this most beautiful day! The presence of Mary illumines the entire world so that even the holy city above has now a more dazzling splendor from the light of this virginal Lamp. With good reason thanksgiving and the voice of praise resound today throughout the courts of Heaven...let us not complain for here we do not have a lasting city, but we seek one that is to come, the same which the blessed Mary entered today."*

- St. Bernard of Clairvaux

Monday	August 16
9:00	Santa Patti, 36 th Anv.
Tuesday	August 17
9:00	Holy Souls
Wednesday	August 18
9:00	Paul T. Shea
Thursday	August 19
9:00	Helena Richardi, 11 th Anv.
Friday	August 20
9:00	Boleslaw Ramotowski
Saturday	August 21
5:00	Genevieve Calapa
7:30	Brian Evers
Sunday	August 22
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Richard Chase, 28 th Anv.
11:30	Emmanuel Taktak

FIRE ALARM & DETECTOR SYSTEM INSTALLATION SCHEDULE: August 16 to 20 – Main Upper Church. 9 AM Daily Masses are in Father Haley Hall all this week due to scaffolding erected throughout the church.

THE ROSE FOR LIFE: Is sponsored this week by Karen Magrini. Please join her in prayer for an unborn child. To sponsor the Rose, please call 508-429-4427. Your \$10 donation covers the rose in church, with the rest (majority), going to Birthright. Learn more at <https://birthright.org/framingham>.





From the Pastor's Desk

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

Today is the Feast of the Assumption of Mary into heaven. It was that glorious moment when, at the end of her earthly life, Mary was assumed body and soul into heaven. The Assumption reminds us that suffering and death were never part of God's plan for us. Mary, by the miracle of the Immaculate Conception, was specially protected by God from any touch or trace of original sin. That's why we call Mary the "New Eve," because she was created just like our first parents were – before sin and without sin. Unlike our first parents Adam and Eve, Mary never broke God's law. She could have – like them she had free will – but always she used her freedom to say to God – not my will, but THY will, be done. And because Mary was created free of sin – and never chose sin in her life – death had no claim on her. So when Mary's earthly journey was finished, death could not hold her. Instead, she was the first of us to share in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The important point here is the connection between sin and death. We read in the Book of Wisdom: *"God did not create death – nor does He delight in the suffering of the living. Rather, it was through sin, that death entered the world."* The world is not now as God originally intended it to be. God created us for life, and death became part of our reality only when God's will was violated. When this world was broken. A brokenness that still touches all of us except for Mary, who was without sin and whom the grave, therefore, could not hold. We read in Jeremiah: *"I know the plans I have for you" says the Lord. Plans of goodness, not of harm. To give you a future. And a home.* In the glorious Assumption of Mary into heaven we see proof of God's good plan for us. We catch a glimpse of what we were always meant to be. And what we can be again through Jesus, Mary's Son and Savior of us all.

God bless you.

Rev. Mark J. Coiro



WINGS: Is busy planning for our 2021-2022 year, which we hope will be in person. We will kick off our Fall Season in October with the topic "Uncovering Hidden Treasure, Understanding Catholic Social Justice", focusing on Catholic teachings on social justice issues. For a description of the WINGS Ministry, please see our flyer in the online Summer Newsletter available on the Parish website. Email stmaryswingssecretary@gmail.com to sign up or call Diane Collins at 508-259-7795 with questions. Have a good summer and we hope to see you in the Fall!

ST. MARY'S 150th ANNIVERSARY GALA: Planning for our pandemic delayed Anniversary Gala is now in full swing. It has been rescheduled for Saturday, November 13, 2021 at the Regency Ballroom, Doubletree Hotel, Milford. The evening will include a delicious dinner, live music and dancing, and Bishop Robert Reed as our keynote speaker. There will also be a Silent Auction during the cocktail hour, and we need YOU to help make it a huge success. Auction proceeds will support St. Mary's Parish outreach, primarily the High School Summer Mission Trips Program. We are seeking donations of all kinds (see below). Please contact Jennifer Schiller at jaschiller3@gmail.com, or Kathy McKenna at kmurphmckenna@comcast.net, to arrange donations or with any questions. Save the date!

Possible Auction Donations Include: Tickets to Professional New England Sports Teams - any game; Vacation House Rentals for long or short term getaways; Restaurant Gift Certificates; Concert /Ballet Tickets; New England Sports Memorabilia; Jewelry; Golf Outings at a local Country Club; Special Services (culinary professional, massage therapist, painter, musician, personal health instructor); or any bid-worthy donations. Thank you!

DO YOU LIKE TO SING?

Join St. Mary's Music Ministry!
We are now recruiting choristers of
all ages! Our Children's Choir is

recruiting children grades 4-7; our Youth Choir, grades 7-12, and our Adult Choir is looking for adults of any age. For more information, contact Kevin Lyczak, Director of Music at musicatstmarysholliston@gmail.com.



MUSIC	5:00 PM	9:30 AM	11:30 AM
Entrance	#201	#201	#201
Offertory	#360	#682	-
Communion	#694, 682	#690, 689	-
Recessional	#200	#200	#200



NEW RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE HOURS START THIS WEEK! Open Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 9 AM – 5 PM. Open Friday from 9 AM - 3 PM. Closed on Wednesdays. Please sanitize your hands upon entering the building and kindly wear a mask if unvaccinated. Thank you.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION FOR 2021-2022: Registrations are now past due. The registration form 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 early September. We look forward to having the children and youth return in September.

CLOW BEGINS IN SEPTEMBER: We look forward to having the children participate in the Children's Liturgy of the Word under the direction of Kristin Roberto who will guide the children to understand God's message of love and His will for them in a format they will understand. The children will remain in the church for CLOW the first Sunday of each month and then for the remaining Sundays be dismissed to the lower church hall to hear Gospel. Volunteer leaders are needed for CLOW. Please contact st.marysre1870@gmail.com for more information if you can assist Kristin as one of our CLOW Leaders.

PRE-SCHOOL: Five more children are needed to continue our Pre-School Program. Register today!

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 our children and youth!

GRADE 1 AND 2 TEACHERS – 2021-2022: Each Grade 1 and 2 class requires two teachers. Please consider partnering with another Mom or Dad to teach a class. Grade 2 is a special year for our children as they prepare to receive the Sacraments of Penance and Eucharist. Contact our office at 429-6076 if you can volunteer and a volunteer form will be sent to you. See the chart above for the Grade 1 and 2 class schedules.



HELP! GRADE COORDINATORS FOR GRADES PRE-K, 1, 5, 7, 8 AND 9 ARE NEEDED: Our program needs people of good faith to volunteer as Grade Coordinators for Grades PRE-K, 1, 5, 7, 8 and 9. Training will be provided. 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.

IMPORTANT CORI AND PGC INFORMATION: The Archdiocese of Boston has issued a statement regarding CORI forms: "The State of Emergency order is lifted in Massachusetts and one can no longer complete a CORI verification via zoom or teleconference. Photocopies of a license will no longer be accepted to verify at a later time. **Verification must be completed in person.** Please remember **ANY** person who will be conducting virtual education programs for members of our parish are required to submit a CORI. As of July 1 only the 2022 CORI Form will be available for renewals and new volunteers.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



TODAY ~ AUGUST 15

When Mary fell into her earthly sleep, her soul and spirit were taken into heaven and then her body was united with her soul and spirit in complete glorification. Mary, the young girl whom God chose to fulfill His plan for our salvation, longed to be reunited with her beloved Son, our King, Jesus Christ.

We honor and celebrate Mary's trust and confidence in accepting God's will when she said, "Yes" to the message of the Archangel Gabriel so long ago. So young, innocent, and pure of heart, Mary was conceived without original sin and gifted with sanctifying grace throughout her life. She cooperated with God's grace completely and lived in a state of Holy love, accepting all the difficulties in her life as God's will for her.

Mary experienced many difficulties in her life such as when they presented Jesus in the Temple and she heard the prophesy of Simeon regarding Jesus (Luke 2:34-35); when they had to flee into Egypt to avoid King Herod's search for the child Jesus (Matthew 2:13-21); when they went to celebrate the feast day in Jerusalem and lost Jesus for three days (Luke 2:41-50); when Mary witnessed Jesus carrying the wooden Cross to Calvary (John 19:17); when Mary was at the foot of the Cross (John 19:18-30); when Jesus was taken down from the Cross and she held her Son's lifeless body in her arms (John 19:39-40); and lastly, when Jesus was laid in the tomb (John 19:39-42).

Mary accepts us as her children. She is our spiritual and heavenly Mother who brings our prayers before the throne of our Divine Majesty. She returns the graces she receives from God to her children on earth. Mary is the unsullied channel of God's grace, the purest of springs and the fairest of roses. Pray to her daily, especially the Rosary.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS START DATES FOR 2021-2022 ~ GRADES PRE-K – 10

GRADE	Classes will meet on alternate weeks unless noted.
Pre-K	Sun., 9:15 to 10:30 AM ~ Meets for six sessions Starts October 3 in the Lower Church Hall
KIND.	Sun., 9:15 - 10:30 AM – Starts October 24. Meets once a month through May 2022
GR-1A	Sun., 8:10 - 9:20 AM – Starts September 26
GR-2A	Sun., 8:10 - 9:25 AM – Starts September 19
GR-2A	Sun., 10:45 AM-Noon – Starts September 19
GR-2D	Wed., 4:15-5:30 PM – Starts September 22
GR-3A	Sun., 7:55-9:25 AM – Starts September 19
GR-3A	Sun., 10:45 AM-12:15 PM – Starts September 19
GR-3B	Mon., 4:00-5:30 PM – Starts September 20
GR-4A	Sun., 10:45 AM-12:15 PM – Starts September 26
GR-4B	Mon., 4:00-5:30 PM – Starts September 20
GR-4C	Tues., 4:00-5:30 PM – Starts September 21
GR-5A	Sun., 10:45 AM-12:15 PM – Starts September 26
GR-5B	Mon., 4:00-5:30 PM – Starts September 27
GR-5C	Wed., 4:00-5:30 PM – Starts September 22
GR-6A	Sun., 4:00-5:30 PM – Starts September 19
GR-6B	Mon., 4:00-5:30 PM – Starts September 20
GR-6C	Tues., 4:30-5:30 PM – Starts September 28 Classes meet weekly.
GR-7A	Sun., 5:00-6:30 PM – Starts September 26
GR-7D	Wed., 6:00-7:30 PM – Starts September 29
GR-8B	Mon., 6:00-7:30 PM – Starts September 20
GR-8D	Wed., 6:00-7:30 PM – Starts September 22
GR-9C	Tuesday, 6:30-8:30 PM- Starts October 5 Alternate Weeks opposite GR-10
GR-9E	Thursday, 6:30-8:30 PM – Starts October 7 Alternate Weeks opposite GR-10
GR-10C	Tuesday, 6:30-8:30 PM- Starts October 12 Alternate weeks Opposite Grade 9
GR-10E	Tuesday, 6:30-8:30 PM – Starts October 14 Alternate weeks Opposite Grade 9

Sessions: A= Sun. B= Mon. C= Tues. D=Wed. E= Th.

SPECIAL NEEDS PROGRAM IN RELIGIOUS ED:

Does your child have unique learning needs? If any family has a child that would benefit from a special religious education program, please contact Fran Crespi at 429-6076 or by email at st.marysdre1870@gmail.com. We can prepare your child to receive First Penance and First Communion no matter the age of your child. It is important that all children come to know God's love for them and that they will see the face of God through Jesus.

THANK YOU: We thank for her efforts outgoing Religious Education Secretary Robin Rogers, whose last day was Friday. On Monday we welcome back as Religious Education Secretary, Paula O'Brien, who served in this position previously. May God bless them both. Please make note of the new Religious Education Office hours on the previous bulletin page, as they go into effect this week.