

They observed that some of his disciples ate their meals with unclean, that is, unwashed, hands. Mk 7:2



St. Mary's Parish



Our Mission:

“To know Christ and to make Him known.”

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Website: www.stmarysholliston.com

Email Address: St.marys1870@gmail.com

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!

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
 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

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday August 28
 5:00 Dorothy Berchtold
 7:30 Adrienne Beattie
Sunday August 29
 7:30 People of St. Mary's
 9:30 Elizabeth D. Zorn
 11:30 James Connolly, 5th Anv.
Monday August 30
 9:00 Salvatore Scaduto, 57th Anv.
Tuesday August 31
 9:00 Kathleen King
Wednesday September 1
 9:00 Ron Duran
Thursday September 2
 9:00 Franco DiCenso
Friday September 3
 9:00 Fr. Issa & the People of our
 Sister Parish, Our Lady
 of Fatima, Beit Sahour
Saturday September 4
 5:00 Andres and Melissa Bachman
 7:30 Francis X. Costello
Sunday September 5
 7:30 People of St. Mary's
 9:30 Tim O'Connell
 11:30 Thomas and Dorothy Tierney

NEWSLETTER COLLATING: Monday, August 30
 from 9:30 AM to Noon in Fr. Haley Hall. All are
 welcome, many hands make light work!

**NEW RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE
 HOURS:** Open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from
 9 AM – 5 PM. Open Friday from 9 AM – 3 PM.
 Closed Wednesdays.

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 AM – 3 PM.

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 FOR 2021-2022:** Classes start in September.
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 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.

THE ROSE FOR LIFE: Is sponsored this week by
 Maria Bomba. Please join her in prayer for an unborn
 child. Call 508-429-4427 to sponsor the rose.



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

**SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR HAITI
 EARTHQUAKE RELIEF:** \$2,228.00. Thank you.

**WEEKLY OFFERTORY NEEDED TO PAY OUR
 PARISH'S BILLS:** \$15,000.

Automatic Giving:	\$ 2,411.50
WeShare:	\$ 2,611.95
Offertory Envelopes dropped off / mailed in:	\$ 7,149.00
Total Offertory:	\$ 12,172.45

SHORTFALL LAST WEEKEND:

\$2,827.55

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.



From the Pastor's Desk

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

In the coming weeks many of our young people will return to school, while others have headed off to college, some for the very first time. We pray that God will watch over them all, opening their minds and hearts to His truth. While for many of us our formal education is complete, we are all called to continued growth in our knowledge and love of God. It is said that when Cardinal Cushing used to visit a rectory, he would always ask to see the pastor's bookcase. If the books were old and dusty, the Cardinal would look for the one with the most recent publication date. If the pastor asked why, legend says that Cushing would reply, *"I just wanted to see the date you died."*

Truly, to stop instructing ourselves in Christ – to become satisfied with our understanding of His person and teachings – this is to die a kind of spiritual death. Jesus is alive, and until the moment we meet Him face to face our souls long to know Him in deeper ways. In the coming months there will be many Adult Faith Formation offerings in our parish, and I encourage you to consider taking advantage of them. Please consider also teaching a Religious Education Class this year. As you see on the back bulletin page the need is great, and so are the rewards. As we prepare a lesson to teach, we often come to a new and deeper understanding of faith ourselves. As Cardinal Cushing might have asked, what was the date of the last time you taught or studied the faith?

In Christ's Service and Yours,

Rev. Mark J. Coiro
Pastor



NEW LIVE STREAM FACEBOOK ADDRESS FOR ST. MARY'S 11:30 AM SUNDAY MASS: <https://www.facebook.com/SaintMarysChurchHollistonLive/>.

MUSIC	5:00 PM	9:30 AM	11:30 AM
Entrance	#716	#716	#716
Offertory	#711	#711	#711
Communion	#592, 362	#742, 363	#369, 363
Recessional	#711	#441	#441

DO YOU LIKE TO SING?

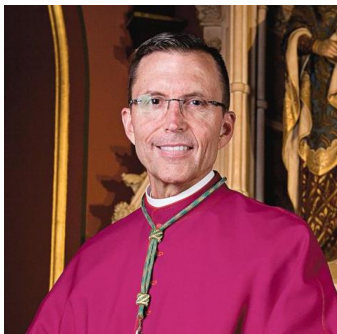
Join St. Mary's Music Ministry! We are now recruiting choristers of all ages! Our Children's Choir is recruiting children grades 4-7; our Youth Choir, grades 7-12, and our Adult Choir is looking for adults of any age. For more information, contact Kevin Lyczak, Director of Music at musicatstmarysholliston@gmail.com.

TIMMY CAKE FUNDRAISER: Representatives of The Timothy O'Connell Foundation will be selling Tim's favorite chocolate cake after each Mass on September 11 and 12. Donation is \$60. All proceeds from the sales of these cakes will go to the Foundation's charitable mission, including its Scholarship Fund. The Timothy O'Connell Foundation is a 501(c) (3) not-for-profit organization, established in honor and loving memory of Timothy O'Connell, a St. Mary's parishioner. Since its inception in 2008, the Foundation has distributed nearly \$850,000 in gifts to worthy cancer-related causes, and has awarded more than \$125,000 in scholarships to Holliston students pursuing health-related fields of study. Learn more about the Foundation's other gifting programs and goals at www.timsteam.org. Any questions please email joanneoconnell@comcast.net. Thank you.



HOLLISTON SENIOR CENTER YARD SALE: Many of you know that summer at the Senior Center also means getting ready for our annual Fall Fair and Yard Sale on September 11. This is the main fundraiser of our friends group, the Senior Support Foundation (SSF). One hundred percent of those funds are used to support Senior Center programs and the seniors of Holliston. Collection hours are every Tuesday and Thursday from 10 AM to 1 PM. Donations may be dropped off by the garage. If interested in helping, contact Amanda at 429-0622 and we will connect you with our wonderful Fall Fair Committee. There's something for everyone. We will have raffles, baked goods, crafts, toys for the kids, linens, households goods, jewelry and more! 100% of the money raised supports the Senior Center and the Seniors of Holliston.

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 (photo left).



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!



ARE YOU UNBAPTIZED?

ARE YOU BAPTIZED BUT NEVER MADE FIRST HOLY COMMUNION?

ARE YOU AN ADULT WHO WAS NEVER CONFIRMED?

WERE YOU BAPTIZED IN ANOTHER FAITH BUT ARE NOW CONSIDERING BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

St. Mary's offers an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Called R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) these sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Christ's Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. There are separate sessions for children or youth. You are invited to participate in the process with your questions, your insights, and your faith story in a supportive and accepting setting. Our wonderful R.C.I.A. team and our whole parish are waiting to give you a warm welcome!

Please call (508) 429-4427 or email st.marys1870@gmail.com for more information.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION FOR

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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. Children remain in the church for CLOW the first Sunday of each month and then are dismissed to the lower church hall to hear the Gospel for the remaining Sundays. Volunteer leaders are needed. Contact st.marysre1870@gmail.com for more information if you can assist as one of our CLOW Leaders.

TEACHERS ARE NEEDED TO TITHE THEIR TIME AND TALENTS FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD:

Many souls of our children and youth can be formed and transformed into beacons of God's light when we have good people of faith come forward and share their faith with the children and youth. We are in need of volunteer teachers this year for in-person classes. Let us all cooperate with the GRACE God so generously provides to share the Good News of salvation and God's love and mercy. Contact us at 508-429-6076 or st.marysre1870@gmail.com if you can teach a class. See the chart on the last page of this Bulletin for our teacher and monitor needs. Thank you!

GRADES 8, 9 AND 10 REGISTRATIONS: Please check your Email for a welcoming message from Theresa Virzi, our new Youth Minister, greeting all our Grade 8, 9 and 10 Students. Theresa will be sending out important information to these families next week regarding the program and the need for teachers and Coordinators for Grades 8 and 9.

CONFIRMATION I AND II ~GRADES 9 AND 10:

Our Tuesday class sessions for Grades 9 and 10 are **filling up fast**. Once the Tuesday openings are filled, late registrations will be assigned to the Thursday sessions.

HELP! GRADE COORDINATORS FOR GRADES

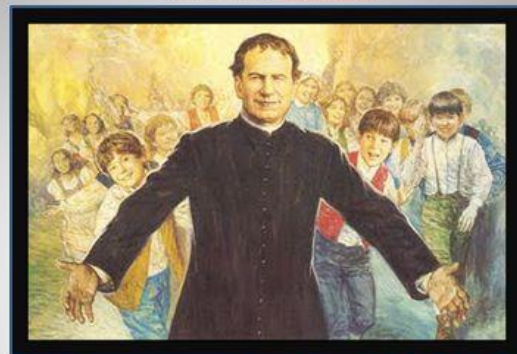
PRE-K, 1, 7, 8 AND 9 ARE NEEDED: Our program needs people of good faith to volunteer as Grade Coordinators for Grades PRE-K, 1, 7, 8 and 9. Training will be provided. Contact Fran if you can take on this role at 508-429-6076 or Email at st.marysre1870@gmail.com.

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

PRE-SCHOOL: Five more children are needed to continue our Pre-School Program. Register today! Please pass the word that St. Mary's offers Pre-K and Kindergarten classes along with the need for volunteer teachers. Classes are held once a month on Sunday Mornings from 9:15 AM to 10:30 AM.

St. John Bosco

"Do you want to do a good deed?
Teach the young!
Do you want to do a holy thing?
Teach the young!
Truly, now and for the future, among holy things, this is the holiest."

Class code: A=Alt. weeks M=Monthly W=Weekly

GRADE	DAY / TIME	TEACHERS	MONITORS
SUNDAY			
PRE-K	9:15 to 10:30 AM	1 Adult/2 teens	Filled
Kind.	9:15 to 10:30 AM	6 Adults/ teens	1
GR-1A	8:10 to 9:25 AM	3 Teams A	1
GR-2A	8:10 to 9:25 AM	2 Teams A	1
GR-2A	10:45 AM to noon	2 Teams A	1
GR-3A	7:55 to 9:25 AM	3 Teachers A	Filled
GR-3A	10:45AM-12:15 PM	3 Teachers A	1
GR-4A	10:45AM-12:15 PM	3 Teachers A	1
GR-5A	10:45AM-12:15 PM	3 Teachers A	1
GR-6A	4:00 to 5:30 PM	2 Teachers A	1
GR-7A	5:00 to 6:30 PM	3 Teachers A	1
MONDAY			
GR-3B	4:00 to 5:30 PM	4 Teachers A	Filled
GR-4B	4:00 to 5:30 PM	4 Teachers A	Filled
GR-5B	4:00 to 5:30 PM	3 Teachers A	Filled
GR-6B	4:00 to 5:30 PM	2 Teachers A	Filled
GR-8B	6:00 to 7:30 PM	3 Teachers A	1
TUESDAY			
GR-6C	4:30 to 5:30 PM	2 Teachers W	Filled
GR-9C	6:30 to 8:30 PM	5 Teachers A	Filled
GR-10C	6:30 to 8:30 PM	4 Teachers A	Filled
WEDNESDAY			
GR-2D	4:15 to 5:30 PM	2 Teams A	Filled
GR-5D	4:00 to 5:30 PM	3 Teachers A	1
GR-7D	6:00 to 7:30 PM	2 Teachers A	Filled
GR-8D	6:00 to 7:30 PM	4 Teachers A	1
THURSDAY			
GR-9E	6:30 to 8:30 PM	4 Teachers A	Filled
GR-10E	6:30 to 8:30 PM	3 Teachers A	Filled

Monitors needed and required for classes to begin in September and October. Please Volunteer!

TEACHER TRAINING: Tuesday, September 14 and Wednesday, September 15 from 7 to 8 PM in Room 3 – 4. Contact Fran: st.marysdre1870@gmail.com if attending.

TEACHER / COORDINATOR MEETINGS:

GRADE	DAY / TIME	PLACE
KIND.	Thursday, Sept. 16 at 7:00 PM	Library
GR-1	Wed., September 8 at 7:00 PM	RM 3-4
GR-2	Thurs., September 9 at 7:00 PM	RM 3- 4
GR-6	Wed., September 8 at 7:00 PM	Library
GR-9	Thurs., September 9 at 7:00 PM	FHH
GR-3 - 6	Sun., September 12 at 2:00 PM	FHH
GR-8, 9, 10	To be determined	

WELCOME OUR NEW GRADE 5 COORDINATOR: Emily Bukow will be our new Grade 5 Coordinator taking on many responsibilities to assist the DRE, teachers and families during the year. Emily will be a wonderful addition to our Grade Coordinator team. Welcome Emily!

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 October 17
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 29
GR-6A	Sun., 4:00-5:30 PM – Starts September 26
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 12 Alternate Weeks opposite GR-10
GR-9E	Thursday, 6:30-8:30 PM – Starts October 14 Alternate Weeks opposite GR-10
GR-10C	Tuesday, 6:30-8:30 PM- Starts October 5 Alternate weeks Opposite Grade 9
GR-10E	Tuesday, 6:30-8:30 PM – Starts October 7 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.

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.