

#### **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

# St. Mary's Parish

Our Mission: "To know Christ and to make Him known."

8 Church St., Holliston, MA 01746

Website: www.stmarysholliston.com

Email Address: <u>St.marys1870@gmail.com</u>

Rectory Phone: (508) 429-4427

Religious Education Phone: (508) 429 - 6076

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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

#### **UPDATED TOTAL FOR HAITI EARTHQUAKE RELIEF COLLECTION:** \$4,493.00. Thank you.

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

Automatic Giving:	\$ 4,100.00
WeShare:	\$ 3,584.98
Offertory Envelopes	
dropped off / mailed in:	\$ 3,655.00
Total Offertory:	\$ 11,339.98

### SHORTFALL LAST WEEKEND:

## \$3,660.02

## 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: <u>https://stmarysholliston.weshareonline.org/</u>.

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.

#### MASS INTENTIONS:

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
Monday	September 6
9:00	For All Who Labor
Tuesday	September 7
9:00	Thomas Nolan
Wednesday	September 8
9:00	Angelo Colosi
Thursday	September 9
9:00	Joan Powers
Friday	September 10
9:00	Anne O'Rourke
Saturday	September 11
5:00	Michael McHugh and All
	Victims of 9/11
7:30	People of St. Mary's
Sunday	September 12
7:30	Kevin Muzzy
9:30	Khalil Hasrouni
11:30	Dorothy Bamberry

#### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION**

FOR 2021-2022: Classes start this month. Registrations are now past due. The registration form can be accessed through St. Mary's website at <u>www.stmarysholliston.com</u> 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.

**THE ROSE FOR LIFE:** Is sponsored this week by the Carver Family. Please join them in prayer for an unborn child. Call 508-429-4427 to sponsor the Rose.

**SEASON OF CREATION:** September 1 marked the start of the Season of Creation, the annual Christian celebration of our common home. The season lasts until October 4, the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi. Please visit the following website at https://www.facebook.com/SeasonofCreation/videos/, where you can find the official video of the 2021 Season of Creation. You don't need a Facebook account to see this two-minute video and be introduced to the history of and reason for the Season of Creation. You'll also see information about how you can get involved. Check out the other videos while you are there.



Saint Mary's Parish

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September 5, 2021 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Happy Labor Day. All work has its challenges. But every life worth living involves work. When we work, we imitate God - the great Craftsman - Who worked for six days to create this world in which we live. God Who worked to fashion each and every one of us in His own image. God Who entrusted His own Son Jesus to be raised not by a king or emperor – but by a worker. A simple carpenter named Joseph. Work is more than just an inconvenience required for life. Work is part of God's plan for us. It is an opportunity to serve God, as together we seek to build His Kingdom of Justice upon the earth.

Some of us are fortunate enough to work at jobs that fulfill us, that sharpen our talents and give us joy. Many, though, work at jobs they would not freely choose – jobs that may not be professionally fulfilling – but that allow them to support their loved ones. And those kinds of jobs in a very special way become part of the Christian Vocation. I'm sure that many of us could tell stories of how a parent or other family member sacrificed and worked not only to provide for us – but to give us real opportunities for a better future.

It's been said that any kind of work – if we do it for love – can be a "sacrament." An offering acceptable to the Lord. A channel for His grace into our lives. St. Theresa of Lisieux spoke of her "Little Way of Love" - a way of embracing even the most unpleasant and ordinary tasks of everyday life as opportunities to make an offering of love to God. Theresa always made a point of doing the work in her convent that was needed – rather than just those jobs she enjoyed. She preferred to work as a sacristan, taking care of the altar and the chapel; but she mostly served in the convent kitchen. And she often volunteered for laundry duty – because it was her *least* favorite occupation.

You husbands and wives, you children and teenagers – answer this question: What is the chore you least enjoy in your family home? Maybe it's changing diapers or taking out the garbage. Perhaps it's cooking, or washing dishes, or mowing the lawn. Whatever the task may be – if you do it without complaining - if you do it for love - then that activity can become a sacrament. A "Little Way" of connecting to God. A "Way of the Cross." The Way, of sacrificial love, that Jesus walked before us.

If there is one thing that all the saints have in common, I think it is this. That they all came to take their greatest joy in bringing joy to others. In bringing joy to God, Who delights in our charity and generosity. Who rejoices when He sees His own goodness and compassion, His own Divine Work, reflected in our lives.

This Labor Day, let us each take a moment to consider the place of work in our lives. Let us commit ourselves to the dignity of all workers, doing our part to assure safe working conditions, and a just, living wage. Let us thank God for the work that brings pleasure and purpose to our lives. But let us thank God even more for the opportunities to labor in ways that are sacrificial – at work or at home. Pouring ourselves out in the service of others, as Jesus did. So that God may fill us anew, with His love.

In His Service and Yours,

Rev. Mark J. Coiro

Pastor

## ADULT VOLUNTEER MEETING ~ MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP:



Thursday, September 16 at 7 PM in Father Haley Hall. Any adult parishioner who attends Mass weekly at St. Mary's, and who is living a life in harmony with the moral teachings of the Catholic faith, may volunteer to be part of this joyful ministry. With Monthly Meetings averaging 150 – 200 teens, and many trips of over 100 teens each, we need many adults to assure safety and to guide our young people into faith, friendship, service and fun. CORI & VIRTUS requirements apply. Please bring your calendar, as we will be having adult signups for all fall semester MSYG activities. \*\*\* Please RSVP to St.Marys1870@gmail.com if you are planning to attend. \*\*\*

SAVE THE DATE ~ ST. MARY'S MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP KICK OFF! Sunday, October 3 – Giant MSYG Kick Off Event, 6:30 – 8 PM, open to all 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Graders. Join us for our 15<sup>th</sup> year of Faith, Friendship, Service & Fun!

**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.

**ST. MARY'S MARRIAGE FELLOWSHIP IS BACK**! St. Mary's Marriage Fellowship is a parish ministry that provides opportunities for married couples to support and encourage each other as we grow together spiritually to live in accordance with God's plan for marriage. Whether you are newly married or have been together for many years, we'd love to meet you! To kickoff a return, please join us for an outdoor, potluck-style BBQ on Sunday, September 19 at 4:30 PM. Children are welcome to attend. To be cautious of everyone's health, we are asking families to please bring a pre-packaged side dish or individually wrapped items to share. The BBQ will be held off-grounds at the home of Regina & David Savage. To RSVP and to receive event location information, contact Regina & David at 617-538-2659 or email stmarysmarriagefellowship@gmail.com.

**LECTORS NEEDED:** Become an integral part of the Mass, please consider becoming an adult lector and proclaim the Word of God. No experience required, just an earnest desire to spread the Word at the weekend Masses. For more information on training and schedules, please email Ron Turcotte at <u>ronturcotte2@gmail.com</u>.

MUSIC	5:00 PM	9:30 AM	11:30 AM
Entrance	#208	#208	#208
Offertory	#432	#597	#597
Communion	#505, 336	#505, 364	#364, 323
Recessional	#597	#195	#195

HOLLISTON SENIOR CENTER YARD SALE NEXT SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11: 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.

#### TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**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 <u>stmaryswingssecretary@gmail.com</u> 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!

### **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**

#### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION FOR 2021-2022:**

Registrations are now past due. The registration form can be accessed through St. Mary's website at <u>www.stmarysholliston.com</u> under Register / Parish Forms. **In-person classes will begin on Sunday, September 19**. Letters will be mailed out this week outlining many safety requirements for in-person cases. Masks and hand sanitizing will be required upon entrance into the facility for the children, youth, teachers, monitors and parents as they bring their children to their classrooms.

**CLOW BEGINS IN SEPTEMBER:** CLOW is in need of many adult leaders in order to begin in September. Each week a Leader under the direction of Kristin Roberto, guides the children to understand God's Gospel 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. Please prayerfully consider this wonderful ministry to



inspire and direct the hearts of the children toward God. Contact <u>st.marysre1870@gmail.com</u> 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:** We need good people of faith to come forward and share their faith with the children and youth as volunteer teachers for our in-person classes. Let us all cooperate with the GRACE God so generously provides to share the Good News of salvation. Contact us at 508-429-6076 or to <u>st.marysre1870@gmail.com</u> if you are available to teach a class. See the chart on the last page of this Bulletin for our teacher and monitor needs. Thank you!

**GRADE 1, 2, 6, 9, and 10 TEACHER MEETINGS THIS WEEK:** Grade 1 meets on Wednesday, September 8 from 7 – 8 PM in Room 3-4 with Fran. Grade 6 meets on Wednesday, September 8 from 7 – 8 PM in the Library with Beth Comstock and Grade 2 teachers meet on Thursday, September 9 from 7 – 8:00 PM with Fran and Derri Cole. Teachers for Grades 9 and 10 will meet with Theresa Virzi in Fr. Haley Hall at 7:00 PM.

**TEACHER TRAINING**: If you are a new volunteer teacher or returning to teach this year, we will be offering training on Tuesday, September 14 and Wednesday, September 15 from 7 - 8 PM in Room 3-4.

**GRADE 8, 9 AND 10 REGISTRATIONS:** Theresa will be sending out important information to the families for Grades 8, 9 and 10 in the coming week regarding the program and the need for Teachers and Coordinators for these grades.

**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. Training will be provided. Contact Fran if you can take this role of coordinator at 508-429-6076 or Email at 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.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN TRAINING (PGC). Training will be available on Saturday, September 11 and September 18 from 9 to 11 AM in Room 3 – 4 with Leo Racine. If you are a new volunteer, please contact the Religious Education Office to sign up for one of these dates at <u>st.marysre1870@gmail.com</u>. IMPORTANT CORI 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. <u>Verification must be completed in person</u>. Please remember <u>ANY</u> 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.

Class C	<b>Dae:</b> A=Alt. weeks I	VI-MONTHLY VV	= weekiy
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

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

Monitors are needed and required for classes to begin in September and October. Please consider volunteering!

#### **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, 10	Thurs., September 9 at 7:00 PM	FHH
GR-3 - 6	Sun., September 12 at 2:00 PM	FHH
GR-8	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 to10:30 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 October 4
GR-8D	Wed., 6:00-7:30 PM – Starts October 6
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 <u>st.marysdre1870@gmail.com</u>. 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.