



The LORD God said: "It is not good for the man to be alone.  
I will make a suitable partner for him." Gen. 2:18



# 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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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:** Currently by appointment only due to the Pandemic.

**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

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>October 2</b>
5:00	Grace Magrini, 5 <sup>th</sup> Anv.
7:30	Eugenia Moraski, 18 <sup>th</sup> Anv.
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>October 3</b>
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Edna Stanton
11:30	Nicholas Anselmo, 1 <sup>st</sup> Anv.
<b>Monday</b>	<b>October 4</b>
9:00	June McLean
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>October 5</b>
9:00	Edwina Moore, 37 <sup>th</sup> Anv.
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>October 6</b>
9:00	Special Intention
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>October 7</b>
9:00	Jean Ferris (Living)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>October 8</b>
9:00	Fr. Issa & the People of our Sister Parish, Our Lady of Fatima, Beit Sahour
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>October 9</b>
9:00	Funeral Mass ~ Jeanne Miley
5:00	Thomas Chipman, 19 <sup>th</sup> Anv.
7:30	Francis Gaboriault, 28 <sup>th</sup> Anv.
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>October 10</b>
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Len Levasseur
11:30	Walter Baker



**SECOND COLLECTION**

**THIS WEEKEND:** This week's second collection will support the Holy Father's "Peter's Pence" collection that provides funds for emergency and disaster relief. This collection will also provide support to The Catholic University of America (CUA) that educates priests and lay people for ministry and for the Inner City Parishes of the Archdiocese of Boston. Your generosity will assist the Holy Father as well as the various missionary efforts at home and abroad.

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

Automatic Giving:	\$ 1,540.00
WeShare:	\$ 3,917.00
Offertory Envelopes dropped off / mailed in:	\$ 6,417.00
Total Offertory:	\$ 11,874.00

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

**SHORTFALL LAST WEEKEND:  
\$3,126.00**

**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/>.



**OCTOBER NEWSLETTER:**

St. Mary's October Monthly Newsletter is online only. It was emailed to all parishioners on Saturday morning. Enjoy it at: <https://stmarysholliston.com/monthly-newsletters/>.

**OUR CHURCH ELEVATOR IS WORKING!**

Out of commission since the July 6 lightning strike, all St. Mary's fire systems have been 100% replaced and are now fully functional. This means that our church elevator is now operational and available again. Thank you for your patience while this extensive work was being done.

**TODAY, DONUTS, JUICE**

**AND COFFEE:** The Welcoming Committee invites all parishioners and their families to stop into Fr. Haley Hall after the 9:30 AM Mass today, Sunday, October 3, for donuts, juice and coffee. Come meet your neighbors!



# WEDNESDAY

## WINGS (Women in God's Spirit):

Is a ministry of encouragement and enrichment for women of all ages who seek to deepen their faith and grow in relationship with God and one another. Due to the continuing Covid pandemic, we will be holding our 6-week Fall Season Uncovering Hidden Treasures, Understanding Catholic Social Teaching entirely through Zoom. Our first meeting

will be this Wednesday, October 6 at 10 AM. Our speaker, Sister Dorothea Masuret, will help prepare our hearts to reflect on these teachings through her presentation "From the Head to the Heart: How Big is Your God?" Please let us know if you have experienced difficulty using Zoom in the past. We have increased our dues this year to address a continuing deficit between our income and our expenditures. Dues are \$20 per season for Fall, Winter and Spring or \$50 for the entire year. As usual, all women are welcome at WINGS regardless of ability to pay. Please make checks payable to St. Mary's Parish, and mail to Betty Febo, 41 Holly Lane Holliston. Current WINGS members will automatically be sent the Zoom link prior to the session. For additional information about the WINGS ministry, please call Jen Schiller 617-852-9632 or Diane Collins 508-259-7795 To register for WINGS, email [stmaryswingssecretary@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryswingssecretary@gmail.com).

**BABY SHOWER FOR THE UNBORN:** October 16 & 17 at all Masses. Please bring new baby items and clothes to Mass and place them in or around the baby stroller in the sanctuary. Gift cards to Carters, CVS, Kohl's, Walgreen's, Target and Walmart would also be appreciated. These gifts will directly assist mothers in crisis pregnancies through the Pregnancy Help program of our Archdiocese. Thank you for supporting families and babies in their time of need! A Pregnancy Help Client Testimonial: "When I got pregnant I felt lonely, desperate, and confused. I found myself pregnant with no husband, no family, no money, no house and maybe no job. It was like being in a dark hole. I heard about Pregnancy Help, and they gave me the emotional and material support to get out of the confusion, to put aside all the obstacles that I thought I had and begin to take care of myself and my baby. I do not have words big enough to match the work they do." Learn more at [www.pregnancyhelpboston.org](http://www.pregnancyhelpboston.org).

**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS:** Sunday, October 24 at 1:15 PM. Parishioners are invited to bring their pets to the Church Parking Lot (Lower Church Hall if inclement weather) as we celebrate the Church's Rite of the Blessing of Animals. Each pet will receive an individual blessing as we ask God's protection for our animal friends and remember that all living things are precious to Him. This blessing takes place in October as St. Francis of Assisi's Feast Day is this month, and he had a special love of the furred, finned and feathered creatures of the earth.



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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

"It is not good that the man should be alone," says today's first reading. Like Adam before the creation of Eve, we human beings are incomplete without relationships of love. These allow us to grow beyond ourselves – fulfilled as beings truly created in the image of the God Who is love. There is no denying that we fallen human beings can be difficult. In other people we can experience disappointment, betrayal, and hurt of every kind. And yet our souls are not satisfied without human relationships. These connections are all life giving, even when they require us to be patient and to forgive. Are not those the moments when we imitate God the most, and reflect the very aspects of God on which we ourselves rely? Friendship, marriage, family, and Church are where we find companionship and opportunities for growth and grace. They are where our faith is simultaneously enriched and tested, as together we strive for the harmony, peace, and love to which in Christ we are called.

God bless you.



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION  
AND BENEDICTION  
EVERY THURSDAY  
FROM 7 – 8 PM  
IN ST. MARY’S CHURCH**

**STARTING THIS WEEK, OCTOBER 7,  
THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF THE  
ROSARY, AND CONTINUING  
THROUGH MAY.**

**COME MAKE A HOLY HOUR WITH  
OUR EUCCHARISTIC LORD.**



*“Out of the darkness of my life, so much frustrated, I put before you the one great thing to love on earth: the Blessed Sacrament ... There you will find romance, glory, honour, fidelity, and the true way of all your loves upon earth.” - J.R.R. Tolkien*

**TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE:** Next weekend, October 9 and 10, the Knights of Columbus will have their annual Tootsie Roll Drive after all Masses. This nationwide effort supports Special Needs Charities, assisting persons with intellectual disabilities. Last year it raised a hundred and eighty five million dollars for Special Needs.

**SUNG VESPERS:** Come to the traditional ancient service of sung vespers! The event will take place, Wednesday, October 6 at 7:00 PM in St. Mary’s Church. It will be sung by the St. Mary’s Youth Choir and is free and open to all.

MUSIC	5:00 PM	9:30 AM	11:30 AM
Entrance	#208	#208	#208
Offertory	#602	#442	-
Communion	#336, 320	#325, 331	#330
Recessional	#485	#485	#485

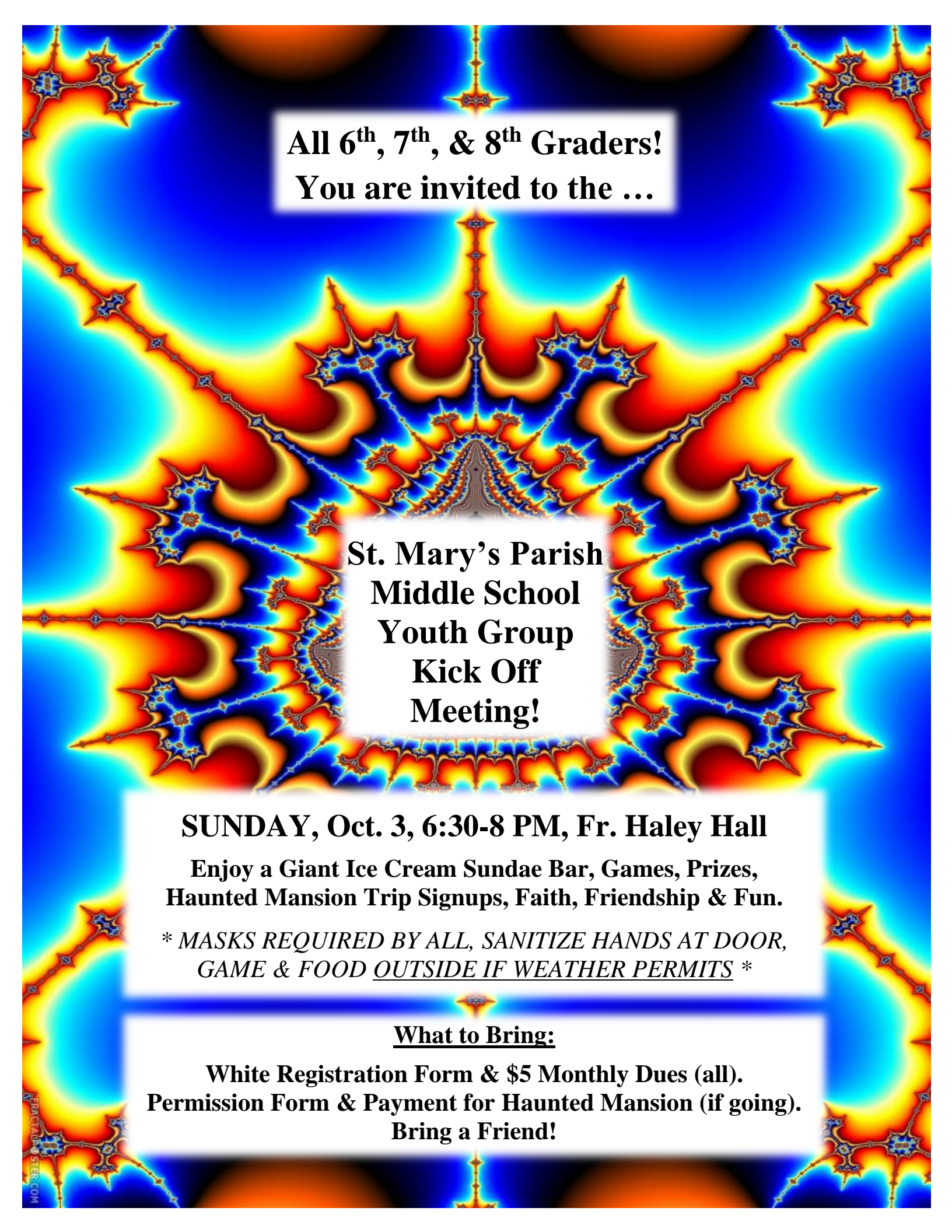
**THE HOSPITALITY/WELCOMING**

**COMMITTEE:** The Hospitality Committee helps new members of St. Mary’s feel welcome in their new parish. We offer a Welcome Gathering, aka donuts, juice and coffee (DJ&C) fellowship hour on the first Sunday of the month in Fr. Haley Hall after the 9:30 AM Mass. We meet 9 times a year during the months of October through June (with the exception of February). The members help with sending out welcome letters to new parishioners, ordering and assembling welcome bags, ordering, setting up and serving food and drink on the designated Sundays, and break down/clean up of Fr. Haley Hall after the event. If interested in helping out even if it’s just for one task, or one hour, we would appreciate you joining the group! For more information please contact Janet at [Janetalexander121@gmail.com](mailto:Janetalexander121@gmail.com) or Millie at [Mkampersal@verizon.net](mailto:Mkampersal@verizon.net).



**RCIA:** 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](mailto:st.marys1870@gmail.com) for more information.



**All 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> Graders!  
You are invited to the ...**

**St. Mary's Parish  
Middle School  
Youth Group  
Kick Off  
Meeting!**

**SUNDAY, Oct. 3, 6:30-8 PM, Fr. Haley Hall**

**Enjoy a Giant Ice Cream Sundae Bar, Games, Prizes,  
Haunted Mansion Trip Signups, Faith, Friendship & Fun.**

***\* MASKS REQUIRED BY ALL, SANITIZE HANDS AT DOOR,  
GAME & FOOD OUTSIDE IF WEATHER PERMITS \****

**What to Bring:**

**White Registration Form & \$5 Monthly Dues (all).  
Permission Form & Payment for Haunted Mansion (if going).  
Bring a Friend!**



**ST. MARY'S 150<sup>th</sup> 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.

**150<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY GALA SILENT AUCTION FINAL DONATIONS NEEDED:**

**Baskets of any shape & size for use in packaging and presenting the Silent Auction items.**

**Items needed to complete baskets:**

1. Uber Gift Cards of any amount
2. Restaurant/Cafe Gift Cards of any amount
3. Movie Gift Cards of any amount
4. Boston Sports team tickets
5. Golf items - balls, golf towel, tee times
6. Bowling Alley Gift Cards
7. Crystal Champagne Flutes



Auction proceeds will support St. Mary's Parish outreach, primarily the High School Summer Mission Trips Program. Please contact Jennifer Schiller at [jaschiller3@gmail.com](mailto:jaschiller3@gmail.com), or Kathy McKenna at [kmurphmckenna@comcast.net](mailto:kmurphmckenna@comcast.net), to arrange donations or with any questions. Thank you!

**THE ROSE FOR LIFE:** Is sponsored this week by John and Maureen Klauser. Please join them in prayer for an unborn child. If you would like to sponsor the Rose for Life please call 508-429-4427.

**ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC WOMEN'S GROUP:** Will meet Wednesday, October 13 in the Library from Noon until 2:00 PM for our Fall meeting. Come bring your talents for making something new and enjoy a social afternoon. All are welcome!

**NEW ALTAR SERVER CLASS TRAINING:** Sunday, October 17 from 7-7:30 PM in the Church. Any parish youth currently in grades 4-12 may study to become an Altar Server. Just bring the youth accompanied by a parent with your family calendar to this planning meeting. Together we will set up a New Altar Server training schedule. Please email Patty Baribeau to indicate your interest: [st.marys.altarserver@gmail.com](mailto:st.marys.altarserver@gmail.com). Becoming an Altar Server is a beautiful way to serve God and helps make the Mass even more special.



St. Mary's Parish  
150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

# GALA



**Saturday, November 13**  
**Regency Ballroom**  
**Doubletree Hotel**  
**11 Beaver Street**  
**Milford, MA**

Join your fellow St. Mary's Parishioners and Keynote Speaker Bishop Robert Reed for a wonderful evening of celebration and entertainment with a cash bar cocktail hour, silent auction, plated dinner, and dancing to an extraordinary band! Cost per person is \$35.

Music by 'The Party Factor,' an energetic 7-piece band including male and female lead vocalists, keyboard, sax/percussionist, drums, bass, and guitar offering a wide repertoire of music.



Reserve your seats by calling Mary Beth at 508-429-4427, or by using this link:

<https://is.gd/kos42g>

Be sure to indicate your choice of entrée. Pay by WeShare, or by check to "St. Mary's Parish," with "GALA" in the memo line, and mail to St. Mary's, 8 Church St., Holliston, MA, 01746.

**6 PM** - Cocktail Hour with Silent Auction and 50/50 Raffle, Cheese and Cracker Display, Vegetable Crudit  Display and Dip, Cash Bar

**7 PM** - Plated Dinner with Harvest Salad  
Warm Rolls & Butter  
Roasted Rosemary Potatoes  
Saut ed Whole Green Beans  
Regular & Decaf Coffee and Tea  
Strawberry Cheesecake

- Choice of one of the following entr es  
Orange Maple Breast of Chicken  
Baked Haddock  
Eggplant Parmigiana w/ Marinara Sauce

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SAFETY NOTICE:** When the children, youth, volunteer teachers and monitors, along with the parents, enter the Center or Annex buildings they must wear Masks and sanitize their hands. This requirement is necessary at this time to protect everyone on the premises during the pandemic. Thank you for your cooperation.

**CLOW**

**CLOW BEGINS ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17:** CLOW is still in need of adult leaders in order to begin. Leaders, 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 in the month. Please prayerfully consider this wonderful ministry to inspire and direct the hearts of the children toward God. Contact [st.marysre1870@gmail.com](mailto:st.marysre1870@gmail.com) for information if you can be a Leader.

## PRE-K BEGINS ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7.

**TEACHERS ARE STILL NEEDED:** At this time we need the following teachers:

**Grade 2:** One teacher on alternate Wednesdays to co-teach. **Grade 3:** One teacher on

alternate Mondays from 4 – 5:30 PM. **Grade 5:** One teacher on alternate Mondays

from 4-5:30 PM and teacher on alternate Wednesdays from 4:15 to 5:45 PM. **Grade 7:**

Three teachers on alternate Sundays from 5 – 6:30 PM. **Grade 8:** Three teachers on alternate Wednesdays from

6 – 7:30 PM. **Grade 9:** Three teachers on alternate Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. **Grade 10:** Four teachers on alternate

Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. We are in need of good people of faith to come forward and share their faith with the

children and youth as volunteer teachers and monitors for our in-person classes. Contact us at 508-429-6076 or

[st.marysre1870@gmail.com](mailto:st.marysre1870@gmail.com) to volunteer.



**CONFIRMATION I AND II ~ GRADES 9 AND 10:** Classes begin for **Grade 9** on Tuesday, October 12 and Thursday, October 14. **Grade 10** classes begin on Tuesday, October 5 and Thursday, October 7. All classes report to Fr. Haley Hall on their opening day of classes.

**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 on this role at 508-429-6076 or Email at [st.marysre1870@gmail.com](mailto: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.*

**MONITORS ARE NEEDED: WHO:** Anyone (college students, adults, mothers, fathers or grandparents) who are interested in helping our staff, students, teachers and parents outside of the classroom. **WHEN:** During class times on Sunday mornings, early afternoons and evenings, and on Mondays through Thursdays in the afternoons and evenings. **TIME COMMITMENT:** One and a half to two hours every other week, once a month or four times a year depending on the grade levels involved. **TASKS:** Responsibilities include greeting and assisting parents, students, teachers and visitors as needed; answering the phone, taking messages; collecting and recording attendance; being a presence in the lobby, hallways and Annex before, during and after classes; occasionally supervising a student who needs some quiet time; assisting with small office tasks and mailings. **ORIENTATION:** Provided at your convenience prior to or on the day of your first monitoring schedule. Written instructions are given as well. **REWARDS:** Share in the many blessings derived from volunteer service; work with an appreciative staff, wonderful group of volunteer teachers, great students and caring parents. HAVE FUN. **NOW WHAT?** It's easy! Just contact us at 508-429-6076 or by email at [st.marysre1870@gmail.com](mailto:st.marysre1870@gmail.com).

**GRADE 2 INSCRIPTION MASS – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17 at 4:00 PM:** Families with children in Grade 2 are reminded to attend the Inscription Mass with their child. At least one parent must be present. The children will present their hand made decorated hearts during the Mass to be displayed by the Mary Statue so that the parish community can pray for the children during the year as they prepare to receive Jesus in Holy Communion.



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

GRADE	DAY / TIME	TEACHERS	MONITORS
<b>SUNDAY</b>			
PRE-K	9:15 to 10:30 AM	1 Adult/Teen	Filled
Kind.	9:15 to 10:30 AM	2 Adults	1
GR-1A	8:10 to 9:25 AM	1 Team A	Filled
GR-2A	10:45 AM to Noon	1 Teacher A	Filled
GR-4A	10:45AM-12:15 PM	1 Teacher A	1
GR-6A	4:00 to 5:30 PM	1 Teacher A	1
GR-7A	5:00 to 6:30 PM	3 Teachers A	1
<b>MONDAY</b>			
GR-3B	4:00 to 5:30 PM	1 Teacher A	Filled
GR-4B	4:00 to 5:30 PM	1 Teacher A	Filled
GR-5B	4:00 to 5:30 PM	1 Teacher A	Filled
GR-8B	6:00 to 7:30 PM	1 Teacher A	1
<b>TUESDAY</b>			
GR-9C	6:30 to 8:30 PM	3 Teachers A	1
GR-10C	6:30 to 8:30 PM	4 Teachers A	Filled
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>			
GR-2D	4:15 to 5:30 PM	1 Teacher A	1
GR-5D	4:00 to 5:30 PM	1 Teacher A	1
GR-8D	6:00 to 7:30 PM	3 Teachers A	1
<b>THURSDAY</b>			
GR-9E	6:30 to 8:30 PM	2 Teachers A	Filled
GR-10E	6:30 to 8:30 PM	2 Teachers A	Filled

**PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN TRAINING (PGC).** Training will be available on **Saturday, October 16 from 9 – 11 AM** in Room 3-4 with **Therese Stewart**. If you are a new volunteer, please contact the Religious Education Office to sign up for this workshop at [st.marysre1870@gmail.com](mailto:st.marysre1870@gmail.com).

You may also complete **(VIRTUS) online PGC training** and the Massachusetts online Mandated Reporter training by going to [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org). **1.** Click on “First time registrant.” **2.** On the next page click on “Begin the registration process.” **3.** Select “Boston” from the drop down list of dioceses. **4.** 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 **both Protecting God's Children and Mandated Reporter certificates** must be sent to [st.marysRE1870@gmail.com](mailto:st.marysRE1870@gmail.com) for further processing.



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS SCHEDULE FOR WEEK OF OCTOBER 3, 2021**

GRADE	Classes will meet on alternate weeks unless noted.
Pre-K	Sun., 9:15 to 10:30 AM ~ Meets for six sessions. Starts Sunday, Nov.7 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 AM– Session 2 on October 3
GR-2A	Sun., 10:45 AM–Session 2 on October 3
GR-2D	Wed., 4:15 PM – Session 2 on October 6
GR-3A	Sun., 7:55 AM – Session 2 on October 3
GR-3A	Sun., 10:45 AM– Session 2 on October 3
GR-3B	Mon., 2:20PM & 4:00 PM – Session 2 on Oct. 4
GR-4A	Sun., 10:45 AM – Session 3 on October 17
GR-4B	Mon., 4:00-PM – Session 3 on October 18
GR-4C	Tues., 4:00-5:30 PM–Session 3 on October 12
GR-4D	Weds., 4:15-5:45 PM–Session 3 on October 13
GR-5A	Sun., 10:45 AM-12:15 PM – Session 2, Oct. 17
GR-5B	Mon., 4:00-5:30 PM – Session 2, October 18
GR-5C	Tues., 2:30-4:00 PM – Session 2, October 12
GR-5D	Weds., 4:00-5:30 PM – Session 2, October 13
GR-6A	Sun., 4:00-5:30 PM – Session 2, October 17
GR-6B	Mon., 4:00-5:30 PM – Session 2 October 4
GR-7A	Sun., 5:00-6:30 PM – Session 1, October 17
GR-7D	Wed., 6:00-7:30 PM – Session 1, October 13
GR-8B	Mon., 6:00-7:30 PM – Session 1, October 4
GR-8D	Wed., 6:00-7:30 PM – Session 1, October 6
GR-9C	Tuesday, 6:30-8:30 PM- Session 1, October 12 Alternate Weeks - opposite GR-10
GR-9E	Thursday, 6:30-8:30 PM–Session 1, October 14 Alternate Weeks opposite GR-10
GR-10C	Tuesday, 6:30-8:30 PM- Session 1, October 5 Alternate weeks Opposite Grade 9
GR-10E	Tuesday, 6:30-8:30 PM – Session 1, 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](mailto: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.

**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. **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.

# SIGNATURE DRIVE TO PROTECT BORN ALIVE INFANTS



BY JACQUELINE TETRAULT PILOT STAFF

BRAINTREE -- Despite a setback that took away a week from an already narrow window of opportunity, a signature campaign is now underway for an initiative petition for a law protecting infants born alive during abortion procedures. Attorney Tom Harvey's organization, the Massachusetts Alliance to Stop Taxpayer Funded Abortions, joined with several local groups to form the Massachusetts Newborn Protection Coalition, which is organizing the signature campaign. These include Massachusetts Citizens for Life, the Renew Massachusetts Coalition, the Massachusetts Family Institute, and the Massachusetts Republican Party.

They were motivated by the passage of a state budget amendment containing several aspects of the controversial ROE Act, an Act to Remove Obstacles and Expand Abortion Access, at the end of 2020. The amendment significantly deregulated abortion in Massachusetts. Among other things, it removed language that ensured the protection of babies born alive during late-term abortions.

In a Sept. 9 meeting of American University Women for Life at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Norwood, Harvey explained that the law on the books for many years had included mandatory language, saying that a physician "shall" provide medical care if a baby survives an abortion. That has now been amended to say that the physician will be "enabled" to provide medical care. "What chance does a baby have if, seconds earlier, it was intended to be killed?" Harvey said.

In addition to obtaining printed signature sheets from the Secretary of State's Office, the coalition is also sharing PDF files via email so people can print their own sheets to gather signatures. Harvey said there was some disagreement about whether to do this, since a single mistake or blot on a sheet can invalidate all the signatures on it. Ultimately, they decided to distribute the form to as many people as possible. "There's going to be some mistakes, but overall, it's going to be better than otherwise," Harvey said.

The signature gathering began on Sept. 15 and will continue until Nov. 17. In this step of the process, at least 80,239 certified signatures must be collected, equaling at least 3 percent of the total votes cast for the office of governor in the last election, with no more than a quarter from one county. It is recommended that more be collected in case some are illegible or cannot be verified. "I'm pretty confident we're going to get the signatures," Harvey said.

If enough signatures were collected, the petition would be filed with local registrars for certification by Nov. 17, and the certified petition would be filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth by Dec. 1. The petition would then be put before the legislature, which would have to act on it by May 3, 2022. The Senate and the House of Representatives would vote on the measure separately, and if both branches were to approve the proposal, it would become law.

However, if the legislature were to take no action, additional signatures would need to be collected, totaling at least one-half of 1 percent of the votes cast for governor in the last state election -- 13,374 certified signatures, with no more than 3,344 from one county. The proposed law would then be submitted to voters for their approval in the 2022 elections. To pass the law, at least 30 percent of the participating voters would have to vote in the affirmative on the question, and a majority of the ballots cast on that question must also be affirmative.

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