



Jesus sat down opposite the treasury and observed how the crowd put money into the treasury.

Many rich people put in large sums.

A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents.

Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them,

"Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury.

For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood." Mk 12:41-44



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:

Every Thursday, 7-8 PM
First Fridays, 9:30-10:30 AM

8 Church St., Holliston, MA 01746

Website: www.stmarysholliston.com

Email Address: St.marys1870@gmail.com

Rectory Phone: (508) 429 - 4427

Religious Education Phone: (508) 429 - 6076

Fax: (508) 429 - 3324

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 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!



From the Pastor's Desk

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

"Widows" are the common theme presented to us by this weekend's scriptures. Two different widows appear - the widow of Zarepath, who gives succor to the prophet Elijah in our first reading; and then the poor widow in the temple, who impresses Jesus by putting into the temple treasury all she had to live on, giving "not from her surplus wealth, but from her want." These widows are united by their generosity and compassion for others, even when they themselves possess very limited means.

One of the most beautiful women of faith I know is a widow; Mrs. Carrie Turner, who used to cook dinner on Saturday nights at St. Clement's Rectory in Somerville. Carrie's husband died about fifteen years before I met her in 1993, and her hospitality as a widow extended far beyond her parish priests. In fact, shortly after her husband's passing Carrie began renting out two rooms in her house; the rule being that you weren't a tenant, you were family. Even when she retired from the rectory and was slowed down by neuropathy, Carrie still invited friends to dinner at her home when she was up to it. (Her pepper steak was out of this world). The Common of Holy Women in the Liturgy of the Hours contains the following petition which always reminds me of Carrie when I pray it: "For widows, who ease their loneliness through hospitality."

This weekend's scriptures reveal that my friend Carrie is just one in a long line of widows who have taken in or otherwise supported people in distress. Having lost their husbands, these women know intimately what it feels like to be alone in the world. Through a kind of "ministry of hospitality" many of them bring consolation and love to others, and in so doing they find solace for themselves. By welcoming Elijah to her house and table, for instance, the widow of Zarepath saved Elijah and preserved him from his enemies. But she also was blessed – both by flour that did not run out and oil that did not run dry, and also by companionship and friendship. After all, the scriptures relate that Elijah stayed with the widow and her son for an entire year. Likewise, the widow who put all her money into the temple treasury was reaching out to support others in the kind of need she had experienced firsthand.

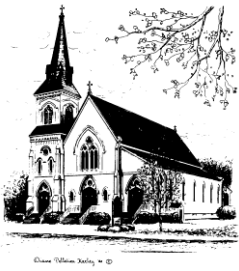
Widows in the time of Jesus were frighteningly vulnerable, bereft not only of a husband's love, but of his financial support and protection. In fact both the Hebrew and Greek words for widow stem from roots meaning "helpless" or "forsaken." It was perhaps not so much despite her poverty that the widow gave all her coin to the temple, but rather because of her poverty. Having experienced through widowhood a desperate struggle to survive, she desired to support the work of the temple in its outreach to others suffering as she was. May our own experiences of want always inspire a similar compassion and generosity in us.

In Christ's Peace,

Rev. Mark J. Coiro
Pastor



BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE: Through the month of November, traditionally referred to as the "Month of the Holy Souls," the Book of Remembrance will be in front of the Baptismal Font and Easter Candle in the church. You are invited to write the names of your own departed loved ones in the book. Their intentions will then be included in all the Masses celebrated at St. Mary's during November. May God welcome them into the light and perfect peace of His presence.



Saint Mary's Parish

8 Church St. ~ Holliston, MA ~ 01746 ~ (508) 429-4427

November, 2021

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

For the past 61 years, St. Mary's, Holliston has relied on the Grand Annual – a once a year special collection that goes entirely toward parish operating costs. In combination with the weekly offertory, the Grand Annual allows St. Mary's to pay her bills and maintain her four buildings, three of which are over 100 years old.

As you know, the Grand Annual always takes place in November. The 2021 St. Mary's Grand Annual Collection is **Next Weekend - November 13 & 14**. The goal is \$150,000 – the same as 2020 which despite the pandemic was achieved.

The single largest facilities items covered by this year's Grand Annual are electrical in nature. First, the thirty-year-old church sanctuary lighting system must be replaced. The technology is now outdated such that bulbs for it are no longer being made and are unavailable. We have only a six-month bulb supply on hand, so this work is time sensitive. The old church system will be taken out, and new lighting installed – higher up, less obtrusive, and more energy efficient. The new system will also allow us to light the area in front of the altar for weddings, funerals, concerts, and the Good Friday Stations of the Cross. The removal of the old system, and the purchase and installation of the new comes to \$41,850.

The second electrical project involves the long overdue upgrading of the wiring in our "Annex Classroom" building. On April 3, 2022, this 170-year-old building is going to be dedicated as "Sister Ricci House," in loving memory of our dear Sister Ricci Lloyd, CSJ, who went home to God on April 4, 2016. A new sign will be unveiled and Sister's portrait placed within. While most of this building will continue to be used for Religious Education classes, part of the first floor is now needed for office space and will be refurbished for that purpose. Unfortunately, this building still relies largely on antique "knob and tube wiring." For safety purposes, this will all be replaced with modern wiring, and upgrades made to allow for the use of computers and photocopiers. This electrical work comes in at \$8,930, plus an additional \$7,000 for wall and flooring repairs, painting, and office furniture.

Other 2021 Grand Annual needs include the church door repairs and threshold / frame replacements completed this past summer (\$11,200); and monitor screens and DVD players for all the Religious Education classrooms (\$1,600). The remaining amount is applied to staff salaries (\$79,420).

Since successfully paying off the last of her \$1.2 million loan debts in the fall of 2010, St. Mary's has been able to pay her bills and remains debt free. Your generous support of St. Mary's 2021 Grand Annual will assure that the hard-won financial health of our parish continues. We realize that these current economic times are difficult for many. But if we all do what we can according to our means, then the 2021 Grand Annual will be a success. Thank you in advance for your generosity. And thank you for the many ways you personally help to build up our beautiful parish family.

Sincerely,

The St. Mary's Finance Council

Kim Latifi

Kevin O'Connell

Dianne McDermott Roy

Ron Piper

Kevin Diamond

2021 Grand Annual Breakdown:

- \$41,850.00 - Church sanctuary lighting system replacement.
- \$11,200.00 - Exterior Church door repairs and threshold replacements (completed).
- \$ 8,930.00 - “Sr. Ricci House,” electrical safety upgrades.
- \$ 7,000.00 - “Sr. Ricci House,” floor and wall repairs for office space, plus office furniture.
- \$ 1,600.00 - Monitors and DVD Players for all Religious Education Classrooms.
- \$79,420.00 - Staff Salaries. The eight men and women of St. Mary’s Staff are hardworking, dedicated individuals. This portion of the Grand Annual will go toward their salaries.

HOW TO MAKE YOUR 2021 GRAND ANNUAL GIFT

Please carefully review the Grand Annual information provided to you by the St. Mary’s Finance Council in the postal mailing you will soon receive.

Pray about it and **decide as a family** what gift you can make according to the means with which God has blessed you.

If you have children, make them aware of your Grand Annual support so that they can learn good stewardship by your example.

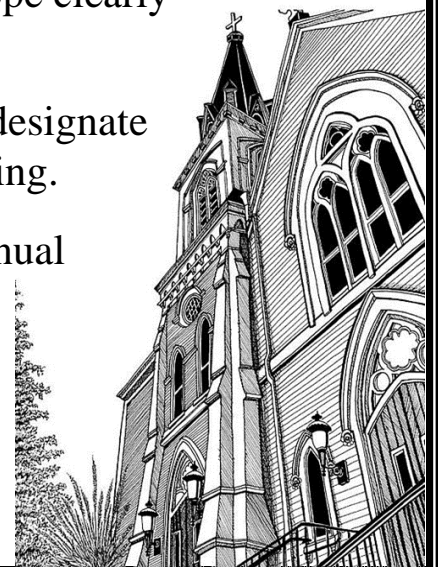
If possible, please return your gold Grand Annual envelope next weekend, November 13 & 14, or as soon as possible thereafter. It may be mailed to 8 Church Street or dropped off through the Rectory Office Door Mail Slot at that same address.

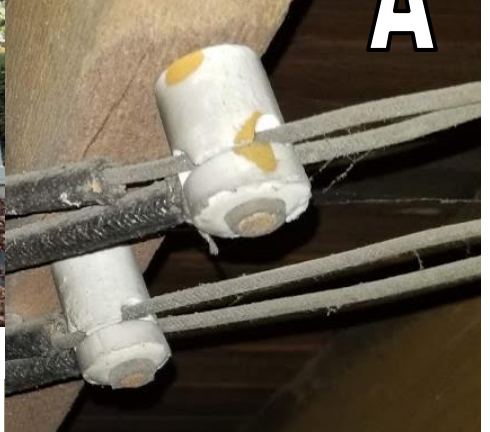
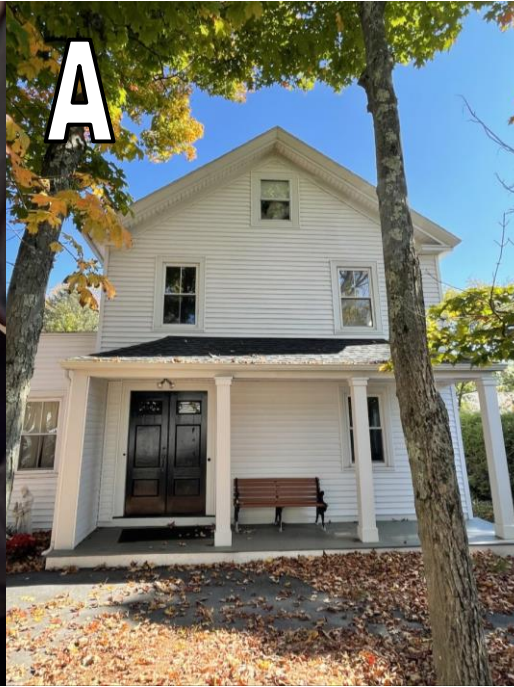
It is important that the special gold envelope, or an envelope clearly marked “Grand Annual” be used.

For those using Automatic Giving or WeShare, you may designate your Grand Annual support as a separate, additional offering.

Thank you for doing your part to support this essential annual stewardship effort!

***“Every person shall give as he is able,
according to the blessing of the LORD
your God which He has given you.” DT 16:17***





Photos of a few of the 2021 Grand Annual Items

A – Sister Ricci House: Electrical upgrades of antique knob and tube wiring. Office space preparation and repairs. “Sr. Ricci House” Dedication Mass and Ceremony with Sign Unveiling on Sunday, April 3, 2022.

B – Church Sanctuary Lighting: Obsolete technology must be replaced as bulbs are no longer being made. The new system will be more energy efficient and unobtrusive while covering more area.

C – Church Doors: Fully repaired and refurbished over the past summer with new thresholds installed to replace cracked, broken ones.

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
 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

THE ROSE FOR LIFE: Is sponsored this week by the Maria Bomba. Please join her in prayer for an unborn child. To sponsor the Rose for Life, call 508-429-4427, or email st.marys1870@gmail.com.

ST. MARY'S WOMEN'S GROUP: Will meet this Wednesday, November 10 in the Library from Noon until 2:00 PM for our Monthly Meeting. Come and enjoy a social afternoon. All are welcome!

**STEWARDSHIP***Managing God's Gifts To Us***WEEKLY OFFERTORY NEEDED TO COVER OUR PARISH'S BILLS: \$ 15,000.00**

Automatic Giving: \$ 4,230.00
 WeShare: \$ 5,597.93
 Offertory Envelopes
 dropped off / mailed in: \$ 6,525.00
 Total Offertory: \$ 16,352.93

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

**NEXT WEEKEND: 2021 Grand Annual Kick Off**

The Grand Annual is the single most important collection for our parish each year. Combined with the weekly offertory, it allows St. Mary's to cover her operating costs.

Please carefully review the Grand Annual information provided by the Finance Council, and return your gold Grand Annual envelope next weekend or as soon thereafter as you can. Thank You!

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday	November 6
5:00	Stephen Mulcahy, 13 th Anv.
7:30	People of St. Mary's
Sunday	November 7
7:30	Dennis Kilroy
9:30	Bernie Pelech
11:30	Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus
Monday	November 8
9:00	Gertrude Beaudoin, 9 th Anv.
Tuesday	November 9
9:00	Gertrude Klocek
Wednesday	November 10
9:00	Holy Souls
Thursday	November 11
9:00	Deceased Veterans
Friday	November 12
9:00	Richard Ely
Saturday	November 13
5:00	Paul T. Shea
7:30	Jon F. Sutherland
Sunday	November 14
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Winifred Chase, 20 th Anv.
11:30	Paul Meehan

DONUTS, JUICE & COFFEE: The Welcoming Committee invites all parishioners and their families to stop into Fr. Haley Hall after the 9:30 AM Mass today Sunday, November 7, for donuts, juice and coffee!

HOLY HOUR EVERY THURSDAY: Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction, this Thursday, November 11, from 7-8 PM in the church.

BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH:

November is known as Black Catholic History Month. The Catholic University of America, on its Cultural Engagement webpage, includes a site (<https://bit.ly/NovemberCUA>) which presents a number of resources to help us know about the history of Black Catholics in America. There is a wonderful video about a Black Catholic community in New Orleans as well as links to articles and podcasts about Black Catholic heritage; short biographies of Black Catholics on the path to sainthood are featured as well. Another national resource is the National Black Catholic Congress, headquartered in Baltimore. Its website is <https://nbccongress.org/>. And finally, a local resource is St. Katharine Drexel Church in Boston (<https://stkdparrish.org/>). On its bulletin is the statement: "We are a Black Catholic Community of Believers Celebrating and Rejoicing in the Love of GOD!"

ST. MARY'S SILENT AUCTION GOES LIVE THIS WEEKEND, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, AT 6 PM:



Click here to enter the Auction: <https://secure.qgiv.com/event/smarparauction/>. The Auction website allows you to check out and actively bid on the GREAT Silent Auction items (over 60 baskets), for one full week (November 6 to November 13).

Those attending the 150th Anniversary Gala next Saturday, November 13 can bid in person for one final hour, 6 to 7 PM at the event itself.

Winners will be notified electronically through the Auction Qgiv app. If you are not attending the Gala, you may pick up your winning baskets at St. Mary's Parish by November 27, 2021. Email st.marys1870@gmail.com to make mutually convenient arrangements.

All proceeds from the Auction directly support parish outreach – primarily our High School Summer Mission Trips Program. **THANK YOU** for supporting our Parish Outreach by bidding generously!



MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP MEETING ~ TONIGHT, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7: Join us from 6:30 – 8 PM in Fr. Haley Hall. As always, at our November Meeting we will have a beautiful prayer service for our beloved departed. There will also be signups for the November 11 All Day Paintball Trip, a Giant Milk and Cookie Bar, and Sign Ups for the December 11 & 12 Cookie Walk for the Poor of Haiti. *Masks required by all, sanitize hands at the door, game & food outside if weather permits.*

EPIC KICKOFF MEETING ~ SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21: Join us from 7:15 to 8:45 PM in Fr. Haley Hall. All High School students are invited for Faith, Friendship & Fun! What to Bring: Registration Form & \$5 Monthly Dues (all). There will be a presentation discussing the opportunity to join this summer's Mission trip to Mississippi, as well as other EPIC events for this year. Hope to see you there! If you have any questions, or are an adult who wants to help, please contact St. Mary's Youth Minister Theresa Virzi at stmarysym1870@gmail.com.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #14224 SECOND RECYCLING EVENT ~ NEXT SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13:

St. Mary's Knights of Columbus will be conducting an Electronics and Clothing Recycling Event in St. Mary's parking lot on Saturday, November 13, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. They will join with the Green Team Junk Removal again to accept electronic equipment (flat screen TV's, VCR's, computer equipment, etc.) No tube TV's or old-style computer monitors please. They will also accept lightly used clothing which will be sorted and redistributed to people who need the items. Clothing must be in 13-gallon trash bags only. The charge for this event will be \$10 for the first three items (electronics, clothing, or combination), and \$5 for each additional item. Check your household and bring your discards to St. Mary's that day. Clear your house and help someone at the same time!



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. Please join us Wednesday, November 10, from 10 to 11:15 AM when WINGS concludes the Fall 2021 Virtual Season "Uncovering Hidden Treasure, Understanding Catholic Social Teaching." Our first speaker, Sr. Dorothea Masuret, will return to guide us in prayerful contemplation to help us discern how we can make a difference in our families, local communities and the world around us based on what we have learned about CST. For more information call Jennifer Schiller 617-852-9632 or to sign-up: stmaryswingssecretary@gmail.com.



ARCHDIOCESAN SOCIAL JUSTICE CONVOCATION: There's still time to register for this year's Archdiocesan Social Justice Convocation. The theme is "Let Us Dream: The Path to a Better Future". The Convocation is free and will be presented virtually (webinar) next Saturday, November 13 from 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM. It features Mass, a keynote speech given by Dr. Austen Ivereigh, Pope Francis' biographer and collaborator on his most recent book, Let Us Dream, as well as examples from parishes and social justice organizations about practical actions you can take for building a better future. Go to <https://bit.ly/BostonSocialJustice> to register.



WISDOM FROM THE EARLY CHURCH:

Commentary by Paulinus of Nola

"What have you," asks the Apostle, "that you have not received?" This means, beloved, that we should not be miserly, regarding possessions as our own, but should rather invest what has been entrusted to us.

We have been entrusted with the administration and use of temporal wealth for the common good, not with the everlasting ownership of private property. If you accept the fact that ownership on earth is only for a time, you can earn eternal possessions in heaven.

Call to mind the widow who forgot herself in her concern for the poor, and, thinking only of the life to come, gave away all her means of subsistence, as the judge himself bears witness.

Others, Jesus says, have given of their superfluous wealth; but she, possessed of only two small coins and more needy perhaps than many of the poor - though in spiritual riches she surpassed all the wealthy - she thought only of the world to come, and had such a longing for heavenly treasure that she gave away, all at once, whatever she had that was derived from the earth and destined to return there.

Let us then invest with the Lord what he has given us, for we have nothing that does not come from him: we are dependent upon him for our very existence. And we ourselves particularly, who have a special and a greater debt, since God not only created us but purchased us as well - what can we regard as our own when we do not possess even ourselves?

But let us rejoice that we have been bought at a great price, the price of the Lord's own blood, and that because of this we are no longer worthless slaves. For there is a freedom that is baser than slavery, namely, freedom from justice. Whoever has that kind of freedom is a slave of sin and a prisoner of death.

So let us give back to the Lord the gifts he has given us; let us give to him who receives in the person of every poor man or woman. Let us give gladly, I say, and great joy will be ours when we receive his promised reward.

St. Mary's Gala ~ Silent Auction

Bid live at the November 13 Gala or early online starting Saturday, November 6 at 6 PM. Click here for the Online Bidding Site:

<https://secure.qgiv.com/event/smarparauction/>.

Over 60 Fabulous Baskets to choose from including Spa Days, Restaurants, Sports Games, Religious Gifts, Books and Much More. These Are Just A Few!



Shine Bright: The perfect Christmas gift courtesy of **Holliston Jewelers**. You'll look beautiful in this stunning sterling silver diamond cross necklace - adjustable to 16 or 18 inches.

Ultimate Patriots Fan: Includes 2 tickets to the Pat's game on **December 26, 2021 @ 1pm versus rivals The Buffalo Bills**. Great seats! Also includes two large Patriots shirts and hats to show your team spirit. What a Christmas gift!



College Football & Food: Includes 2 tickets (row 12) to the **November 27, 2021 Boston College Football Game**. Watch the Eagles and the Wake Forest Demon Deacons compete after you park with a FREE Parking Pass. Enjoy a post-game snack at the Ashland Ale House with your \$25 Gift Certificate!

Wine Lovers: Includes delicious wines, gourmet snacks, truffles and chocolates courtesy of local favorite, **The Wine House** in Holliston.



Christmas Mass VIP Seating: Entitles you and your family to reserved seating at the 2021 Christmas Mass of your choice. Take the stress out of finding a seat at Christmas Mass as you celebrate Our Savior's birth!

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN TRAINING

(PGC): If you are a new volunteer, please contact the Religious Education Office to sign up for this workshop at st.marysre1870@gmail.com. For a limited time, you may also complete **(VIRTUS) online PGC training** and the Massachusetts online Mandated Reporter training by going to 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.middlesexcc.org/>.

Copies of the **both Protecting God's Children and Mandated Reporter certificates** must be sent to st.marysRE1870@gmail.com for further processing.



Holliston Newcomers & Neighbors

Thanksgiving Drive

In previous years, many families in our town have depended on the community's generous donations of all the fixings to create their special holiday meal. HNN has assembled and delivered over 170 Thanksgiving Baskets to the Holliston Pantry Shelf and other local organizations such as Head Start and Wayside Youth. However, as in 2020, gift cards will replace baskets. To support these efforts, we are asking for monetary donations.

To donate, please visit the HNN webpage <http://www.hollistonnewcomers.org/donations> and select *Thanksgiving Baskets*. If you would prefer to mail your donation, please send a check payable to Holliston Newcomers & Neighbors to Katrine Giroux, 147 Mohawk Path, Holliston with your name & address and note that it is for Thanksgiving or enclose the form below. We are also collecting handmade Thanksgiving cards which can be dropped off at 922 Highland Street, Holliston – a bin will be placed at the front door. *Please submit your donation or drop off your cards by Sunday, November 14. Thank you!*

Below is the donation form to use for your convenience. Please complete the form and mail it to the address with your donation so that families in need will be able to share a Thanksgiving dinner with their loved ones this year. There are many families within Holliston and the surrounding communities that use the food pantry to feed their children.

HOLLISTON NEWCOMERS AND NEIGHBORS THANKSGIVING 2021 DONATION CERTIFICATE

Your Name: _____

Your Address: _____

Please make check payable to: **Holliston Newcomers and Neighbors** and that this is for the **"Thanksgiving Food Drive"**. Please mail your check along with this certificate to:

Katrine Giroux
147 Mohawk Path
Holliston, MA 01746

We appreciate your donation for this worthy cause.



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: The Children's Liturgy of the Word will resume next Sunday on November 14.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

DAY	GRADE	GRADE
Sun., Nov. 7	PRE-K at 9:15 AM	GR-2 at 8:10 AM
	GR-2 at 10:45 AM	GR-3 at 7:55 AM
	GR-3 at 10:45 AM	
Mon., Nov. 8	GR-3 at 2:30 PM	GR-3 at 4:00 PM
	GR-6 at 4:00 PM	
Tues., Nov. 9	GR-4 at 4:00 PM	
Wed., Nov. 10	GR-4 at 4:15 PM	GR-5 at 4:00 PM
	GR-7 at 6:00 PM	
Thur., Nov. 11	NO CLASSES	
Sun., Nov. 14	GR-1 at 8:10 AM	GR-4 at 10:45 AM
	GR-5 at 10:45 AM	GR-6 at 4:00 PM
	GR-7 at 5:00 PM	

TEACHERS ARE STILL NEEDED!

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

Grade Level	Teacher Needs	Monitor Needs	DAY / TIME Alternate weeks
GR-1A	Filled	1	Sun., 8:10 to 9:20 AM
GR-2A	Filled	1	Sun., 8:10 to 9:25 AM
GR-5B	1	Filled	Mon., 4:00 to 5:30 PM
GR-5D	1	Filled	Wed., 4:00 to 5:30 PM
GR-7A	1	1	Sun., 5:00 to 6:30 PM
GR-8B	1	Filled	Mon., 6:00 to 7:30 PM
GR-9C	2	Filled	Tues., 6:30 to 8:30 PM
GR-10C	4	Filled	Tues., 6:30 to 8:30 PM

NOTE: All classes meet on alternate weeks except when a holiday may require a class to meet two weeks in a row. Contact us at 508-429-6076 or st.marysre1870@gmail.com to volunteer.

TEACHER/COORDINATOR MEETING: On Thursday, November 18 there will be a Teacher / Coordinator meeting in Room 3 – 4 at 7:00 PM.

GRADE 2 SACRAMENTAL PARENT MEETING:

On Sunday, November 21 during the children's class time at 8:15 AM and at 10:45 AM. Another meeting will be held on Monday, November 22 at 7:00 PM. Both meetings will be in Fr. Haley Hall. This is the second meeting before the Grade 2 children have their First Penance on Friday evening, December 3 at 4:15 or 6:30 PM.

CONFIRMATION I AND II ~ GRADES 9 / 10:

Grade 9 meets again on Tuesday, November 30 and Thursday, December 2 for their third session. Grade 10 meets on Tuesday, November 16 and Thursday, November 18 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM in Fr. Haley Hall.

HELP! GRADE COORDINATORS FOR GRADES 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.

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 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.



**The Knights of Columbus
Keep Christ in Christmas
Poster Contest**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS "KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS" POSTER CONTEST: The contest is open to all youth between the ages of 5-14. There are three age groups: ages 5-7, ages 8-10, and ages 11-14. The suggested poster size is 11x14 inches. Each poster must be submitted with an entry form by **December 5, 2021**. Council prizes for winners. Winners will enter State Council Contest. **Entry forms are available in the Grades K-7 Religious Education Office or can be downloaded from <http://kofc14224.org/#/kofclinks>.** The contacts are Grades K-7 D.R.E. Fran Crespi and Council Knight Mitchell Liro.

GRADE 4 TOURS OF THE CHURCH: Tuesday, Nov. 9 from 4 – 5:30 PM; Sunday, Nov. 14 from 3:15 to 4:45 PM and on Monday, Nov. 15 from 4:00 to 5:30 PM. Both teachers and their students will go directly to the church at the times listed above. Parents will pick up their children in the church at the end of the tours.