

And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.

Mark 13:26



# 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

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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:** 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 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  
 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>November 13</b>                     |
| 5:00             | Paul T. Shea                           |
| 7:30             | Jon F. Sutherland                      |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>November 14</b>                     |
| 7:30             | People of St. Mary's                   |
| 9:30             | Winifred Chase, 20 <sup>th</sup> Anv.  |
| 11:30            | Paul Meehan                            |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>November 15</b>                     |
| 9:00             | Roy Salvi                              |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>November 16</b>                     |
| 9:00             | Paul T. Shea                           |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>November 17</b>                     |
| 9:00             | Catherine Spina                        |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>November 18</b>                     |
| 9:00             | John McHugh                            |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>November 19</b>                     |
| 9:00             | Vincent Scaduto, 35 <sup>th</sup> Anv. |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>November 20</b>                     |
| 5:00             | Dr. James Boyd                         |
| 7:30             | Thomas Fleming                         |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>November 21</b>                     |
| 7:30             | People of St. Mary's                   |
| 9:30             | Evelyn Tomacelli                       |
| 11:30            | Megan Schulman                         |



**STEWARDSHIP**

*Managing God's Gifts To Us*

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND:**

For Retired Women Religious (nuns). Please give generously in recognition of the important role religious sisters have had in the Archdiocese of Boston.

**WEEKLY OFFERTORY NEEDED**

**TO COVER OUR PARISH'S BILLS: \$ 15,000.00**

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|---|--------------|
| Automatic Giving:                               | \$ 3,809.00  |
| WeShare:  | \$ 5,357.45  |
| Offertory Envelopes<br>dropped off / mailed in: | \$ 7,751.00  |
| Total Offertory:                                | \$ 16,917.45 |

May God bless you for your faithful stewardship!

**THIS 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 the gold Grand Annual envelope you received in the mail this weekend or as soon thereafter as you can. Thank You!

\* Gold Grand Annual Envelopes may be mailed in or dropped off through the Rectory Office Door Mail-slot. Please keep Grand Annual gifts separate from regular weekly offertory support. If not using the Gold Envelope, please make sure that whatever envelope you use is clearly labelled 2021 Grand Annual. Thank you!

**HOLY HOUR EVERY THURSDAY:**

Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction, this Thursday, November 18, from 7-8 PM.



**THANKSGIVING DAY MASS:**

Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 AM Thursday, November 25. Please bring an item of food that will be part of your Thanksgiving meal to be blessed, and then take it home with you for your family table. A collection will be taken at Mass and donated to the Holliston Food Pantry. Mass will be followed by coffee and doughnuts in Fr. Haley Hall.

**ADVENT IS COMING!**

Advent, the start of a New Year in the Church, starts the Sunday after next on November 28. Watch the special Advent & Christmas mailing you will soon receive to learn about all the spiritual offerings offered at St. Mary's during this season of preparation for the Coming of the Lord!

**GIVE A GIFT:**

December 4 & 5 at all Masses. Please bring an article of new clothing and a new toy, unwrapped together in a plain bag or gift bag with a tag stating "Boy" or "Girl" and size or age up to age 18. No adult gifts please. All items go to needy families in Boston through two inner city parishes.





**EPIC KICKOFF MEETING ~ NEXT 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](mailto:stmarysym1870@gmail.com).

**THE ROSE FOR LIFE:** Is sponsored this week by Henry and Betty Febo. Please join them in prayer for an unborn child. To sponsor the Rose for Life, call 508-429-4427, or email [st.marys1870@gmail.com](mailto:st.marys1870@gmail.com).

**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.

**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. We have successfully concluded our fall 2021 Virtual Season "Uncovering Hidden Treasure, Understanding Catholic Social Teaching." Watch for any follow-up discussion meetings on ideas for how to put into practice what we have learned from our inspiring speakers. Watch also for details on our Winter Season starting in mid-January. For more information call Jennifer Schiller 617-852-9632 or email [stmaryswingssecretary@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryswingssecretary@gmail.com).



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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

St. Michael the Archangel. Most of us are familiar with his name. Most of us are familiar with his appearance in art – usually dressed in armor, bearing a sword or a spear, grappling with Satan, the great dragon and deceiver of mankind. St. Mary's own statue of St. Michael, given in loving memory of Joey Larracey, shows him battling Satan depicted as a great serpent spitting fire.

It's only very rarely though, that like today, St. Michael is mentioned in the scriptures of Sunday Mass. The name Michael itself is Hebrew and it means, "Who Is Like Unto God?" We remember that it was the devil's promise to Adam and Eve that they could become like God, that caused them to sin and fall. The kind of "being like God" that the serpent encouraged our first parents to seek, though, was a form of self – promotion. They hoped to become like God in that they would be God's equals – free of His rule – divine in their own right.

But Michael, in his very name, reminds us that true freedom lies in perfect obedience to God. To be a servant of God is to share in His love. And there is no nobler state for any creature – human or angelic. Michael's name is a question - "Who Is Like Unto God?" And the answer is – no one. For there is one God, and He

alone is deserving of our worship. St. Cyprian once said that, “Whatever a man prefers to God, that he makes a god unto himself.” And so Michael’s name is also a caution – to beware of setting up false gods for ourselves – be they possessions, or position, or any of the many things that try to take God’s place as the center of our lives.

When it comes to Michael himself, the scriptures tell us that he is one of the seven archangels, who stand ever ready to enter God’s presence and serve His will. The Book of Revelations describes Michael as he who once led the holy angels of God in battle against those angels who rebelled. “For behold there was a war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon fought and his angels, and prevailed not; neither was there a place for them found in heaven any more.”

A careful reading of the Bible reveals that Satan was cast down not from heaven to hell, but from heaven to earth. Which is why St. Paul says in his letter to the Ephesians: “Put on the armor of God so that you may be able to stand firm against the tactics of the devil. For our struggle is not only with flesh and blood but with the dark principalities, and angelic powers in this world.” For many generations it was customary for Catholics to end Mass with a prayer asking St. Michael’s intercession against the spiritual evils we face here, in our journey home to God. Many of you know the prayer:

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.  
Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil.  
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray;  
and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host - by the Divine Power of God -  
cast into hell, Satan and all the evil spirits, who roam throughout the world  
seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

This prayer invoking St. Michael’s aid is very consistent with today’s first reading about the Last Judgment; listen again: "At that time there shall arise Michael, the great prince, guardian of your people; it shall be a time unsurpassed in distress since nations began until that time. At that time your people shall escape, everyone who is found written in the book." According to the prophet Daniel then, St. Michael the Archangel will play a part in the final judgment of this world. He will be a guardian and defender of all those listed in the Book of Life – all those who have accepted, and shared, God’s offer of love.”

Michael’s name, “Who Is Like Unto God?” will be the question asked by the holy angels in the great culling, the final separation of the saved from the damned. It is a question we will not be able to answer with our lips, but only with our lives, as those lives are laid bare before the light of God’s truth.

“Who Is Like Unto God?” Those who have accepted God’s love.  
“Who Is Like Unto God?” Those who have shared God’s love with others.  
“Who Is Like Unto God?” Those who have imitated Jesus, the Son of God.  
By their compassion. By their acceptance. And most of all, by their willingness, to forgive.

St. Michael the Archangel, pray for us. Amen.

Rev. Mark J. Coiro  
Pastor




# 2021 Grand Annual Begins THIS WEEKEND!

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.

## 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 in the St. Mary's Finance Council mailing being sent to all parishioners.

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.

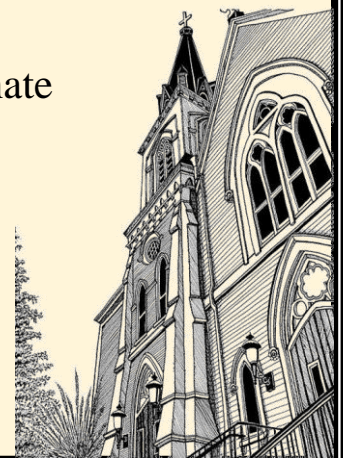
**If possible, please return your gold Grand Annual envelope this weekend, November 13 & 14, or as soon as possible thereafter.** It may be mailed to 8 Church Street or dropped off through the Rectory Office Door Mail Slot at that same address. You may also use the wooden boxes at Mass.

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.

**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](mailto: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](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 the Protecting God's Children and Mandated Reporter certificates** must be sent to [st.marysRE1870@gmail.com](mailto: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- CHILDREN K-6: CHILDREN'S**

**LITURGY OF THE WORD:** Today, Sunday, Nov. 14 the children will be dismissed from the main assembly and led to the lower church hall to hear what Jesus has to tell them in the Gospel. Note: Younger children are welcome **but must be accompanied by their parents** and be able to sit and engage in the lesson.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE**

| DAY            | GRADE             | GRADE             |
|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Sun., Nov. 14  | GR-1 at 8:10 AM   | GR-4 at 3:15 PM * |
|                | GR-5 at 10:45 AM  | GR-6 at 4:00 PM   |
|                | GR-7 at 5:00 PM   |                   |
| Mon., Nov. 15  | GR-4 at 4:00 PM * | GR-5 at 4:00 PM   |
|                | GR-8 at 6:00 PM   |                   |
| Tues., Nov. 16 | GR-5 at 2:30 PM   | GR-10 at 6:30 PM  |
| Wed., Nov. 17  | GR-2 at 4:15 PM   | GR-4 at 4:15 PM   |
|                | GR-8 at 6:00 PM   |                   |
| Thur., Nov. 18 | GR-10 at 6:30 PM  |                   |
| Sun., Nov. 21  | GR-2 at 8:10 AM   | GR-2 at 10:45 AM  |
|                | GR-3 at 7:55 AM   | GR-3 at 10:45 AM  |
|                | GR-6 at 4:00 PM   |                   |

**TEACHERS ARE STILL NEEDED!**

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

| Grade Level | Teacher Needs | Monitor Needs | DAY / TIME<br>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-6B       | 1             | Filled        | Mon., 4:00 to 5:30 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        |

**TEACHER/COORDINATOR MEETING:** On Thursday, November 18 there will be a Teacher / Coordinator meeting in Rooms 2 – 5 at 7:00 PM.

**GRADE 2 SACRAMENTAL PARENT MEETING:**

On Sunday, November 21, while children are in class at 8:15 AM and at 10:45 AM and on Monday, Nov. 15 at 7:00 PM, parents will have a meeting 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 and at 6:30 PM.

**CONFIRMATION I AND II ~ GRADES 9 / 10:**

Grade 10 meets on Tuesday, November 16 and Thursday, November 18 for their third session. Grade 9 meets on Tuesday, November 30 and Thursday, December 2 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:** Today, Sunday, November 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 may pick up their children in the church at the end of the tours.