

St. Mary's Parish

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

Our Mission:

“To know Christ and to make Him known.”

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Religious Education Phone: (508) 429 - 6076

Dear Visitors: Welcome! We are delighted that you chose to worship with us this day. Please introduce yourself to the priest, and if you are interested in becoming a member of the parish then please call the rectory to register. Please also be aware that for generations it has been the custom at St. Mary's to kneel together for a silent Hail Mary at the end of Mass. Please join in!

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!



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January 16, 2022
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

A dramatic change greets us as we enter the church building this weekend. Gone are the evergreens, poinsettias, and lights of the Christmas Season. In their place is the simplicity of Ordinary Time. The term "ordinary" comes from the word "ordinal," meaning "counted". Ordinary Time then, means "counted time," not time that is common or mundane. The count began anew this past Sunday with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, and will continue uninterrupted until Ash Wednesday, March 2. We might think of it as a countdown to salvation, and the day we stand face to face with God. May we make the best and most generous use of the limited time each of us possesses in this passing life as we prepare for the eternal life to come.

The green color worn during these days of Ordinary Time has traditionally been associated with new life and growth. In Hebrew, for instance, the same word for the color "green" also means "young." Some may remember the beautiful prayer with which the priest and people used to begin every Mass: "Introibo ad altare Dei. Ad deum qui laetificat juventutem meam." "I will go in to the altar of God. To God Who gives joy to my youth." By His Birth, Life, Death and Resurrection, Christ has remade and revitalized the whole world, making us all young in our hope for eternal life in Him.

God delights in us! What a wonderful reminder Isaiah offers in our first reading – that God delights in us even as a new groom delights in his bride. We are not a burden to God, we are not a tedious task for God, we are a delight for God, whose joy is to unite our lives with His own. Even as a man and a woman promise in marriage to be true to one another "in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health," so does God promise to be faithful to us in all the stages and circumstances of our lives.

It is no accident that Jesus chose to perform His very first miracle, the changing of water to wine, at a wedding celebration. Because marriage represents the love and joy with which God embraces those who give themselves to Him, and the totality of His commitment to us. To be wedded to God is to have the watery emptiness of fear and doubt transformed into the rich wine of faith. As in any marriage, we may be solicitous and faithful to God in varying degrees. But God is the true and perfect Spouse who always forgives, always welcomes us back, and never fails in the promises He has made to us. The more we come to imitate God in our relationships with each other, the more we will share in His delight. When we find ourselves delighting in God, filled with joy at the realization of His love for us, then we know that our faith is approaching its perfection.

May God bless you!

Rev. Mark J. Coiro
Pastor

P.S. In honor of Martin Luther King, the American flag has been placed in our sanctuary this weekend and the closing Mass hymn is the Battle Hymn of the Republic. This song was first associated with efforts to end slavery and then with the Civil Rights movement. There is still a deep divide between the races in our country, and a need to educate ourselves and the next generation as to the equality and dignity of all human persons before God. This includes the innocent unborn, for whom the whole Church will pray next Saturday. In the end, peace will only come when all human life is recognized and revered as a precious and inviolate gift.



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REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.
VIRTUAL INTERRELIGIOUS PRAYER MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 17, 2022 10 AM

Seán Patrick Cardinal O'Malley, OFM, Cap.

Rev. James Hairston
Fr. Oscar Pratt & More

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THE
CHALLENGE OF
A NEW AGE"**

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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. Scott Ellaway, Artist in Residence, 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

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND:

Next week's second collection supports the Church in Latin America (CLA). The CLA provides support for pastoral projects in financially poor dioceses in Latin America and the Caribbean. CLA funds catechetical and lay leadership programs, youth ministry, evangelization programs, and formation programs for religious, priests, and deacons. CLA is making it possible for the Catholic faithful in the Western hemisphere to help each other. Please visit <https://www.usccb.org/committees/church-latin-america> for detailed information.

LAST SUNDAY'S PARISH OFFERTORY:

Automatic Giving: \$ 5,689.00
 WeShare: \$ 7,069.64
 Offertory Envelopes
 Dropped/mailed in: \$ 7,077.00
 Total Offertory: \$ 19,835.64

Thank you for your faithful stewardship!

We urge all parishioners to please make the switch to Automatic Giving or WeShare. These online services protect your Parish from the impact of travel, illness, severe weather, etc. They allow you to maintain your support without having to remember to mail or drop off envelopes. Learn how to do make the switch at: <https://stmarysholliston.com/how-to-give/>.

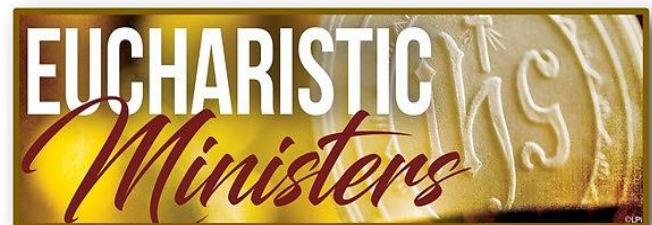
MASK USE EXTENDED: The Archdiocese of Boston is now requiring that masks be worn by everyone at all Masses, regardless of vaccination status, through Thursday, March 3, 2022. (Children under the age of five need not wear masks. Children under the age of two should not wear masks). Be safe!

SNOW DAYS: If Holliston Schools close or are delayed for weather, the 9 AM Daily Mass is cancelled.

PRAYERS AND MASS INTENTIONS:

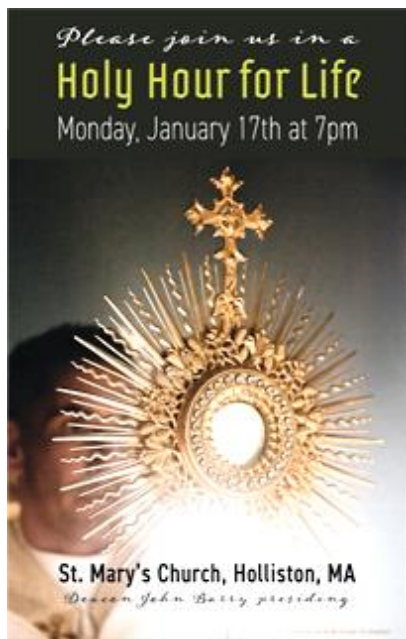
Saturday	January 15
5:00	Jeanne Miley
7:30	Brenda Chamberlain
Sunday	January 16
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Elizabeth Walker MacLeod
11:30	Patrick McDonald
Monday	January 17
9:00	Rev. Edward Gallagher
Tuesday	January 18
9:00	Paul T. Shea
Wednesday	January 19
9:00	Holy Souls
Thursday	January 20
9:00	Peggy Short
Friday	January 21
9:00	Rev. Joseph Fagan
Saturday	January 22 ~ Day of Prayer & Fasting for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children and of Penance for Acts Against Them.
5:00	Christopher Chick
7:30	The Hughes Family (Living)
Sunday	January 23
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Anthony Stanton
11:30	Mary Miley

HOLY HOUR EVERY THURSDAY: Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction, this Thursday, January 20, from 7-8 PM. Come let us adore Him!

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED:**

St. Mary's is in urgent need of more volunteers to serve as Eucharistic Ministers. We have a need for more ministers at all Masses, but most especially for the Saturday 7:30 PM Mass. Complete training is provided, and no prior experience is needed.

If you regularly attend Saturday/Sunday Masses, regularly receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, are living a chaste single life or are married in the Catholic Church, please consider joining our essential Ministry. Like Mary, we bring the Body of Jesus to others.



HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE ~ TOMORROW: A Holy Hour for Life will be held tomorrow, Monday, January 17, Martin Luther King Day at 7 PM at St. Mary's Church in Holliston. This Holy Hour is held in observance of the National Day of Prayer and Penance, which supports in prayer those attending the annual March for Life pilgrimage to Washington, D.C. (which will be from Thursday, January 20 – Saturday, January 22 this year). We will pray also for anyone affected by life's tragedies, including those who have been wounded by the Covid pandemic, abortion, euthanasia or suicide, and also for a greater awareness and respect for the dignity of all human life – from the moment of conception to natural death. The Holy Hour for Life is organized by the Boston Deacons for Life in collaboration with the Pro-Life Office of the Archdiocese of Boston. Please join us, all are welcome!

AMORIS LAETITIA: Join us for the final two weeks of our reading and discussion of Pope Francis' *Amoris Laetitia*, The Joy of Love: On Love in the Family. Next Saturday, January 22, we will be looking at Chapter Four of *Amoris Laetitia*, entitled Love in Marriage; this chapter includes the Pope's reflection on the Hymn to Love found in 1 Corinthians 13 ("Love is patient..."). On January 29, we will be discussing Chapters 7 and 9 which focus on the education of children in the faith (Chapter 7) and a spirituality of marriage (Chapter 9). You can read *Amoris Laetitia*

on the Internet for free at <https://bit.ly/FrancisAL>; it is also available from online booksellers. The discussion group is held on Zoom on Saturday mornings from 10:00 - 11:00 AM. Contact Leo Racine for information about the group and to receive the Zoom link.

EXAMINING THE OUR FATHER ~ A Free Webinar: This Tuesday, January 18, at 7:00 PM. Click the blue Register Now Box on our online bulletin to sign up. The Fathers of the early centuries of Christianity include saints, scholars, bishops, priests, laity, and ascetics, who are all united in their hunger to know the Lord. Thus, we could ask for no better guides in a prayerful examination of the Our Father. This presentation will introduce some of these major interpreters - Cyprian of Carthage, Augustine of Hippo, Maximus the Confessor and others - and share their wisdom regarding the transformative power of Christ's command to "pray like this." The Webinar is led by Fr. John Gavin, SJ., Associate Professor of Religious Studies at the College of the Holy Cross. Fr. Gavin is a compelling speaker and a profound but pastoral thinker. Most recently, he is the author of a study of Christian commentaries on the Lord's Prayer, *Mysteries of the Lord's Prayer* (CUA Press, 2021). He is the editor of a new book, *Social Justice and the Sacred*, about the social and theological works of St. Alberto Hurtado, SJ.

OUR FATHER,
who art in heaven

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MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP ~ NEW DATES! Our Snow Tubing Trip has been *rescheduled* from Saturday, January 15 to Friday, February 11. Our next Meeting is still Sunday, February 6 from 6:30 – 8:30 PM, a half hour longer because of the 15th Annual Battle of the Sexes. There will be faith, friendship, fun and signups for the February Vacation full day trip! All 6th, 7th and 8th Graders are welcome!

EPIC HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY: Our next high school youth group meeting is Sunday, January 23 from 7:15 - 8:45 PM in Father Haley Hall. Come and enjoy some time with friends in faith. All High Schoolers are welcome, so bring your friends! We will be discussing this summer's upcoming mission trip to Mississippi as well! I am currently looking for Student Leaders to help assist in planning social activities for the upcoming year. If that is something that interests you, please reach out to me, Theresa Virzi at stmarysym1870@gmail.com.

GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE AT THE K OF C BLOOD DRIVE: Next Saturday, January 22, in St. Mary's Father Haley Hall, the Council will sponsor its annual Red Cross Blood Drive. Hours are from 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM. To schedule an appointment, contact 1-800-REDCROSS or visit <https://www.redcrossblood.org/> and search by zip code (01746) in the "Find a Blood Drive" field. For further information, contact the Knights of Columbus Council Blood Drive coordinator, Rodman Burgett at 508- 653-6130.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and several sessions on weekdays from 7:00 to 9:30 PM. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, visit them at <https://www.mema.org/>. Bring the Holy Spirit into your marriage. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences!



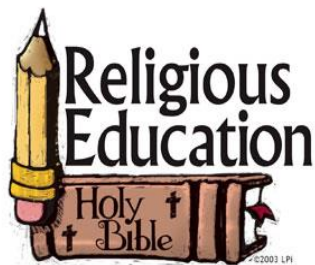
WINGS (Women in God's Spirit): WINGS is pleased to present our 2022 Winter Bible Study via Zoom. The program will begin on Wednesday, January 26 and conclude on Wednesday, March 2. Building on the theme of Catholic Social Teaching which we began in the fall, WINGS has chosen Joe Paprocki's *Amos/Hosea/Micah: A Call to Justice* as our guide. Books may be purchased through [Amazon](#) or [Loyola Press](#). Please note that it is not mandatory to purchase the book to participate in the Winter Bible Study. WINGS will share references to the relevant bible verses with you each week. WINGS requests dues of \$20 per season (unless you have paid for the year). All women are most welcome regardless of ability to pay. Checks payable to St. Mary's Parish can be mailed to Betty Febo, 41 Holly Lane, Holliston MA, 01746. Details of the Winter Program will be announced in upcoming Bulletins and on our Facebook Page at www.facebook.com/WingsHolliston. Email stmaryswingssecretary@gmail.com to register or call Jen @ 617-852-9632.

2022 EASTER CANDLE MEMORIAL GIFT: The Easter Candle is one of the most important symbols of our Catholic faith. At the Great Easter Vigil it is inscribed with the year, the symbols of the Alpha and Omega, and five nails of incense representing the wounds of Christ. Its flame represents the light of Christ's resurrection overcoming the darkness of sin and death. The Easter Candle stands in the church all year, and is used at every Baptism and Funeral. It is lit at all Masses throughout both the Easter Season and the month of November. Each year, the St. Mary's Easter Candle is donated by a family of the parish in memory of a departed loved one. If you are interested in donating the 2022 Candle, please call Mary Beth at 429-4427.



PANTRY SHELF NEEDS: Donations are accepted at anytime in the large black bin outside our Pantry. We cannot accept any items that are refrigerated, frozen, expired or opened. We can only accept food items at this time. The items we need most are Chunky Peanut Butter, Creamy Peanut Butter, Grape Jelly, Strawberry Jelly, Shampoo, Cookies, Canned Chili, Canned Beef Stew, White Vinegar, Snacks and Juice Boxes. Alternate drop off areas include donation bins at St. Mary's Church, or Cole Court Community Center.

TAX STATEMENTS: Tax statements for fiscal year 2021 are currently being prepared and will be mailed out in the coming weeks. If you have any questions regarding your statement please call the rectory at 429-4427. St. Mary's is grateful to both those who faithfully use Our Sunday Visitor envelopes and those who use direct banking. If using envelopes, please remember to write the enclosed amount on the outside. If this is done, the money counters only have to verify the contents. If it is not done, then they also have to write the amount for you, which adds substantially to the time needed to count the collection for deposit. If they do not notate the unwritten amount, it may be recorded as "0". Thank you for helping our volunteers!

**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.

CLOW- CHILDREN K-6: CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Today, Sunday, January 16, 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., Jan. 16	MLK Holiday	No Classes
Mon., Jan. 17	MLK Holiday	No Classes
Tues., Jan. 18	GR-4 at 4:00 PM	GR-10 at 6:30 PM
Wed., Jan. 19	GR-2 at 4:15 PM	GR-4 at 4:15 PM
	GR-5 at 4:00 PM	GR-7 at 6:00 PM
Thur., Jan. 20	GR-10 at 6:30 PM	
Sun., Jan. 23	GR-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	GR-6 at 4:00 PM
	GR-7 at 5:00 PM	

CRITICAL NEED BELOW!

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

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

**R.E. CLASS SNOW CANCELLATION:**

When Holliston public schools are closed due to inclement weather, religious education classes will not be held. Class cancellations will be aired on Channel 5 and Channel 7 during the week day and on Channel 4 on Saturday & Sunday only.

CONFIRMATION I AND II ~ GRADES 9 / 10:

Grade 9 meets on Tuesday, January 25 and Thursday, January 27. Grade 10 meets on Tuesday, January 18 and Thursday, January 20. Classes are from 6:30 to 8:30 PM in Fr. Haley Hall.

Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?' - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

HELP! GRADE COORDINATORS FOR GRADES 1, 7, 8 AND 9 ARE URGENTLY 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.

GRADE 10 RETREAT has been **RESCHEDULED** to Saturday, February 12. Students will meet in Fr. Haley Hall at 8:45 AM to check in. Retreat meeting will include Mass and dinner with conclusion by 7:30 PM. A second date, Saturday, March 19, has been added for students unable to attend in February. Please mark your calendars. If you have any questions regarding this event, please contact Theresa Virzi x223 or stmarysYM1870@gmail.com.

CORI VOLUNTEER RENEWAL ALERT: Ministry Leaders must secure that **all** their active volunteers (18 years and older) renew and complete a **FY2022 CORI**. If you are or plan to volunteer in any ministry, we must have a completed **2022 CORI** form on file. Volunteer renewals may submit a copy of driver's license, along with signed/completed CORI form, and email directly to: st.marysre1870@gmail.com for processing.

GRADE 2 PARENT MEETINGS: First Communion parent meetings scheduled for January 24 and 26 will be **rescheduled** until further notice.

FIRST COMMUNION MASSES: Just a reminder that the 2022 First Communion Masses are set for Saturday, June 11 and Saturday, June 18 at 10:30 AM. Children will be assigned alphabetically this year. If any family is unable to keep their assigned date we will ask another family to swap their date so that there will be an even number of children at each Mass. More information will be sent to parents in the coming weeks.



COORDINATOR/TEACHER MEETING: Grades 3, 4 and 5 teachers will meet with their Grade Coordinator on Thursday, January 27 at 7:30 PM in Rooms 3-4 at the Parish Center. We will review events and class sessions for the remainder of the year. *Please note Parents of Grade 3 Home Based students will meet at 7:00 PM.*