



# 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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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 - no Confessions Holy Saturday.

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!

# 2022 CATHOLIC APPEAL ~ Faith in Action

We want to thank everyone from St. Mary's who has so far participated in the 2022 Catholic Appeal.

# To date our parish has raised \$60,692 from 29% of St. Mary's active households, reaching 69% of our parish goal of \$87,486.

These contributions support the many ministries of our Archdiocese and will improve the lives of so many vulnerable persons. The Appeal is to our Archdiocese what the weekly offertory is to our parish. If you have not yet made your gift, please consider making a pledge.

(**Option 1**) If you have given previously to the Catholic Appeal, then you should have received a 2022 Pledge Form in the mail. Mail it to St. Mary's or to the Archdiocese. You may also drop it off at St. Mary's, and we will mail it in. Any checks we receive made out to the 2022 Catholic Appeal will also be forwarded.

(Option 2) Scan the QR Code right.

(**Option 3**) Visit <a href="https://bostoncatholicappeal.org/">https://bostoncatholicappeal.org/</a> and scroll to the bottom of the page to donate online.

However you give, <u>please be sure to indicate St. Mary's</u>, <u>Holliston as your parish so that your gift is applied to our parish goal</u>. Thank you for doing your part – large or small according to your means – to support the good works of our Church. God bless you!



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

### PARISH OFFERTORY LAST WEEKEND:

Automatic Giving: \$ 5,320.00 WeShare: \$ 6,365.00

Offertory Envelopes

dropped off / mailed in \$ 5,728.00 Total Offertory: \$ 17,413.00

Thank you for your faithful stewardship, and for making up any missed weekly offertory. We urge all parishioners to please make the switch to Automatic Giving or WeShare. Learn how to do make the switch at: <a href="https://stmarysholliston.com/how-to-give/">https://stmarysholliston.com/how-to-give/</a>.

\* Will you be away travelling Easter Weekend? Please still support our retired priests by mailing in your support, or placing it in any other collection clearly labelled "Easter - Retired Priests." Thank you!

#### MASS INTENTIONS:

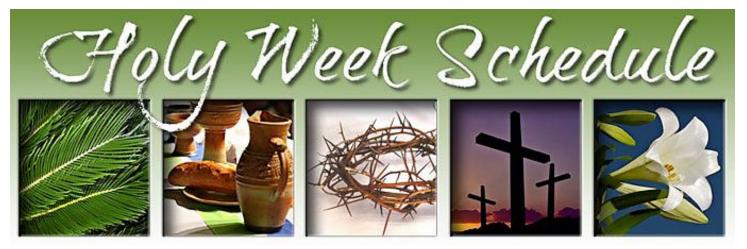
Saturday	April 9	
5:00	Anna Sandi, 10 <sup>th</sup> Anv.	
7:30	Earl and Lorraine King	
Sunday	April 10	
7:30	People of St. Mary's	
9:30	Jackson Paul Owens	
11:30	Patrick McDonald	
Monday	April 11	
9:00	Frank Mulcahy	
Tuesday	April 12	
9:00	Mary Miley	
Wednesday	April 13	
9:00	Wanda Zeglarska	
Triduum	April 14, 15, 16 & 17 –	
& Easter	See enclosed Holy Week Schedule	



#### 2022 EASTER COLLECTION

**Next Weekend:** All monies collected at Easter go to cover the healthcare and retirement needs of the senior priests of our Archdiocese. These men have served us in a 24/7 job for most of their lives. Without them, we could not fully live our Catholic faith.

Please remember the priests who have been there for you and consider honoring them through this special collection. Thank you for your generous and prayerful support to the wellbeing of our priests!



# **PALM SUNDAY**

**Saturday, April 9:** 5 PM & 7:30 PM Masses Palms will be blessed & **Sunday, April 10:** 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 AM Masses the Passion read at all Masses.

**HOLY THURSDAY** 

**Thursday, April 14:** 9 AM Morning Prayer

7 PM <u>Mass of the Lord's Supper</u>

The Mass of the Lord's Supper recalls the events the night before Jesus died, especially the institution of the Holy Eucharist. The ceremony of the washing of the feet reminds us of Jesus' call to serve one another. The Mass concludes with a procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the altar of repose in Father Haley Hall, where Adoration will continue until 10:30 PM. At Mass a collection will be taken up for the Holliston Food Pantry.

GOOD FRIDAY Day of Fasting & Abstinence

Friday, April 15: 9 AM Morning Prayer

12 PM (Kindergarten – Grade 5) Younger Children's Stations of the Cross

7 PM <u>Celebration of the Lord's Passion</u>

The 7:00 PM Lord's Passion Celebration is the official Good Friday Liturgy that continues the three day Triduum Celebration begun on Holy Thursday and concluding at Easter. It consists of the Liturgy of the Passion, Veneration of the Cross, and Holy Communion. The Noon Stations are designed for younger children K – Grade 5, (accompanied by parents), and utilize a living tableau and special station prayers to help young children discover Jesus' love for them in the here and now.

Good Friday is a day of fasting and abstinence from meat. In every single Catholic parish around the world this day, a collection is taken up to maintain the Shrines and struggling Christian communities in the Holy Land. This collection is taken up at both the Stations and Passion Services.

**HOLY SATURDAY** Please Note: No Confessions on Holy Saturday

**Saturday, April 16:** 9 AM Morning Prayer

8 PM The Great Easter Vigil (brass quartet, adult choir)

The Great Easter Vigil is rightly called the "Mother" of all liturgies. It includes the blessing of the new Easter Candle (given this year in loving memory of William Flannery), the sung Exultet Prayer, and readings that capture the fullness of God's saving work for humanity. The Church rejoices in a special way to receive new members this night through the Sacraments of Initiation. All Easter collections go to support the retired priests of our Archdiocese. Please generously support these men who have given their whole lives in your service.

### **EASTER SUNDAY**

**Sunday, April 17:** 7:30 AM Church Mass

9:30 AM Fr. Haley Hall Mass

9:30 AM Church Mass 11:30 AM Church Mass



# Saint Mary's Parish

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April 10, 2022 Palm Sunday

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

My first thought as I envision the vast crowds that thronged around Jesus for His triumphal entry into Jerusalem, is that St. Mary's will be similarly mobbed next Sunday for the great Feast of Easter. The arrival of so many visitors each Easter represents both a logistical challenge and a spiritual opportunity. Many of our regulars will find themselves unable to sit in their accustomed place. Parking will also be more difficult. It would be easy to get frustrated with the crowds and the inconvenience, and certainly there is a sadness that comes from seeing so many Catholics who are only rare visitors to the Table of the Lord.

But think of the opportunity! These persons will be in God's house. They will hear His Holy Word proclaimed. They will receive the Precious Body and Blood of His Son. Maybe, just maybe, this will be the Easter that God touches them in a special way. This might be the year that the grace of Jesus Christ breaks through into their hearts, moving them into a more meaningful relationship with His Body the Church. You and I can play a part in this by offering a warm greeting, a friendly smile, and above all by being patient with the crowds. See an unfamiliar face next Sunday? Then make a special effort to reach out and welcome that person. Let us remember that it is Jesus Himself Who so often comes as a stranger into our midst.

As we prepare this week for the holiest days of our liturgical year, please consider taking part in the Holy Thursday and / or Good Friday celebrations in addition to your Easter Mass. I remember as a child how moved I was by the washing of feet on Holy Thursday and coming forward to reverence the wood of Jesus' Cross on Good Friday. Above all I remember the power and mystery of the great Easter Vigil, as the light of the new-kindled Easter Candle spread from person to person throughout the darkened church. We hope that moms and dads will make sure their young people get to experience these most magnificent celebrations of our faith.

Once while visiting the kids in one of our Religious Education classes, I was asked a very profound question. We were talking about Jesus' crucifixion, and one little girl wanted to know why Jesus' wounds didn't heal. When I asked what she meant, she pointed out that after Jesus' Resurrection, He still had His wounds. Thus His invitation to doubting Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side." As we hear today the story of Christ's wounds being inflicted, we too might ask why they remain upon His body even after it has been raised up and glorified. One reason is that the wounds of Jesus represent His ongoing offer of salvation to all people in all times. The wounds still worn by Christ remind us also of the depth of His love for us, and that He understands firsthand what it means to suffer as we do.

One of the early Church Fathers said too that the wounds of Jesus are the means by which He intercedes for us with the Father. "When Jesus rises up to pray for His people, He needs not speak a word; He lifts His hands before His Father's face; He makes bare His side, and points to His feet. These are the orators with which He pleads to God – these wounds, these wounds plead and prevail."

May the Lord of Our Journey continue to bless you and yours.

Under His Mercy,

Rev. Mark J. Coiro Pastor



As always, Good Friday is a day of solemn reflection, prayer, fasting, and abstinence from meat. It is customary to also abstain from social activities (going to the movies, playing sports, etc). Anything we would not do on the actual day a close family member that we love just died, we also avoid doing on the day that Jesus died. For Catholics, Good Friday is the single most solemn day of the year, as we consider the suffering and death that Jesus endured to save us from our sins. Let us respect and honor His perfect sacrifice of love.



# **GOOD FRIDAY NOON STATIONS** ~ (photo above)

Each year on Good Friday St. Mary's offers the Stations of the Cross for Children at Noon.

- We are still in need of several children for the Noon Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, April 15.
- The children form the silent Tableau for each of the fourteen Stations of the Cross.
- There are no speaking parts for the children who participate. The children are silent as they form the picture of the Passion of Christ.
- We need good readers (Grades 3, 4 or 5) who will volunteer to read three or four of the Stations at the Lectern while each Station is presented.
- There are two rehearsals required of the children who participate in the Stations of the Cross. The rehearsals are on Tuesday, April 12 and Wednesday, April 13 from 4 to 5:30 PM.
- Below is a LINK with pictures from past Good Friday Stations of the Cross with a video.
- PLEASE SPEAK WITH YOUR CHILDREN REGARDING PARTICIPATING IN THIS SOLEMN HOLY GOOD FRIDAY. https://photos.app.goo.gl/6dpTjS7c6kkViGH5A

**SUPPORT OUR SISTER SCHOOL:** We are still accepting NEW English language books, educational DVD's, and colored pencil sets for the students at our Sister Parish's School in Beit Sahour, Palestine. Please drop your new items off at the Rel. Ed. Office anytime this Lent.

**PENNIES FROM HEAVEN ~ LENT 2022:** This year our Lenten Pennies collection will go to Fr. Eugene Montesi, formally at Fatima Shrine and Sierra Leone, who is now missioned in Scotland. In keeping with the tradition to support families in one of the poorest countries in the world our "Pennies from Heaven" will go to a project to care for thirty-four children in Sierra Leone who suffer from club feet. Our donation will help cover the expense of surgery, which will insure a normal life for them. Fr. Eugene is extremely grateful for our generous efforts for these children in Sierra Leone. [There is a special wooden collection stand outside of the Parish Library – just use the round metal flap on top.] A little goes a long way in this poor country. Please check the Respect Life bulletin board for updates!



**MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP:** Our next Trip is the April 21 Paintball Battle at PnL. Our next Meeting is the May 15 End of Year Potluck Supper for all MSYG teens and parents. It will include sign-ups for the annual June Scavenger Hunt and July Trip to Brownstone Quarry. We will also bless and present a gift to all our 8<sup>th</sup> Graders as they move on to High School, and enjoy a special Slideshow of the great year we have had together. MSYG is back!

**EPIC MISSISSIPPI MISSION TRIP:** This summer, we have a group of teens making their way down to Mississippi to serve! Please continue to pray for these teens during their time preparing for Mission. If you are feeling called to Mission, but still have not passed in application forms or reached out to Theresa, Please do not hesitate to reach out to Theresa at stmarysYM1870@gmail.com she is happy to discuss this year's Mission trip, as well as answer any lingering questions. For all those who have submitted Mission Trip applications, please be on the lookout for information for our first group Mass, and the next EPIC Meeting!

**EPIC HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP:** COMING UP- our next EPIC meeting will be Sunday, April 24! Open to all high school students, and Mission Trip attendees are encouraged to attend. Come for a night of friendship, fun, and faith! Also, EPIC Bowling Trip will take place on Friday, April 29. Permission forms will be due at the April 24 meeting from 7:15 - 8:45 PM. Check your mailbox and email for those permission forms coming your way soon! For more updates and info, reach out to Theresa Virzi at stmarysYM1870@gmail.com or follow stmarysepic on Instagram!

**2022 BLESSED MOTHER SCHOLARSHIP:** Scholarship Applications are now available at https://stmarysholliston.com/ under REGISTER / PARISH FORMS. They are also available in the Parish Center Lobby, on the table to the left of the Religious Education Office. This \$2,000 scholarship is granted in recognition of exceptional service to the St. Mary's Parish Family. Applications are due to the Scholarship Committee by Easter Sunday, April 17. The Scholarship will be presented at St. Mary's Mass for the Graduating Class of 2022, Sunday, May 15 at 11:30 AM.



**THANK YOU:** A great big heart-felt thank you to all who participated in the St. Mary's Lenten Suppers. Your generosity and willingness to accept part of the work load made the suppers possible and successful this year. To those who helped create and manage the weekly schedule, set up and clean up the supper space, prepare the food and present the weekly reflections, your work is sincerely acknowledged and appreciated. None of us could do it alone. And, of course, special thanks are extended to the parishioners who came every week to share a meal and build our parish community.

**WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS**: "Even on the Cross, He did not hide himself from sight; rather, He made all creation witness to the presence of its maker. Then, having once left it be seen that is was truly dead, He did not allow that temple of his body to linger long, but forthwith on third day raised it up, impassible and incorrupt, the pledge and token of his victory." – St. Athanasius of Alexandria

"Behold, Jesus Christ crucified, who is the only foundation of our hope; He is our mediator and advocate; the victim and sacrifice for our sins. He is goodness and patience itself; His mercy is moved by the tears of sinners, and he never refuses pardon and grace to those who ask it with a truly contrite and humbled heart." — St. Charles Borromeo

**FASTING:** Catholics over eighteen and up to the beginning of their sixtieth year are bound to the obligation of fasting. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are the days of fasting. On these days, only one full meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed.

**ABSTINENCE:** Catholics over fourteen years of age are bound to the obligations of abstinence. Abstinence is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent. On abstinence days, meat may not be used at all. Regarding other weekdays of Lent, participation in daily Mass and the voluntary observance of fasting is recommended. Commendable, particularly during Lent, is generosity to local, national and world programs of sharing our abundance, the traditional Lenten Devotions and all the self-denial summed up in the concept of "mortification."



**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:** The St. Mary's Knights of Columbus Council invites ALL parishioners to remain after Mass on the weekend of April 23 and 24 (Divine Mercy Sunday) for a brief prayer service. We will be praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet. The chaplet is a beautiful prayer of humility that only takes about 10 minutes to pray and is very easy to learn. Further information about the many great graces available to us on Divine Mercy Sunday can be found at divinemercy.org. We look forward to praying with you!

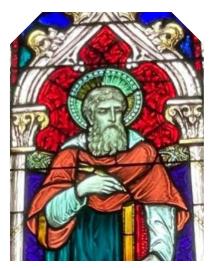
WINGS: Our WINGS (Women in God's Spirit) Spring Season via Zoom continues this Wednesday, April 13 at 10 AM. Building on the theme of Catholic Social Teaching which we began last fall, the Spring Season focuses on "Catholic Social Teaching in the World Today." The 1965 Vatican encyclical Gaudium et Spes (Hope and Joy) emphasizes the dignity of each human being. This Wednesday our speaker, Tom Slicklen, will share his powerful conversion story from drug addict to man of faith and service. Tom is the President and Founder of Provision Ministry, Inc. Previously, Tom was the Director of Development for Straight Ahead Ministries. Please note Marilyn Lourandos will host a small group in St. Mary's Library to view the presentation on the big screen TV. There is still room for a few more women,



so come on down if you would like a more in-person, social experience. All women are most welcome to join us. Email stmaryswingssecretary@gmail.com to register or call Jen at 617-852-9632 or Diane at 508-259-7795. Previous WINGS presentations can be found on the WINGS website. Scroll down to the bottom.

**ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC WOMEN'S GROUP:** Will meet Wednesday, April 13 in the Parish Library from Noon until 2:00 PM for our monthly meeting. Betty Febo, our Parish Librarian/Historian, will be speaking to us on the history of St. Mary's. Bring your questions! All are welcome!

**THE ROSE FOR LIFE:** Is sponsored this week by the Ward Family. Please join them in prayer for an unborn child. If you wish to sponsor the Rose in 2022 please call the Rectory at 429-4427.



**CEMETERY REMINDER:** Please remove all Christmas/Winter decorations, wreaths, folding chairs, benches not used as headstones, and old planters from the Cemetery. R and R Landscape has begun the Spring Cleanup of our beautiful Cemetery and is preparing the grounds for the Spring and Summer. Please do not throw empty containers, plastic flowers, old plantings, etc. in the woods or on the side of the Cemetery Road. If you have any questions regarding the Cemetery please call the Rectory at 508-429-4427.

**"FAITH IN LIGHT" RECORDINGS:** Thank you to all who participated in this five night Lenten series. It was illuminating to study the saints and symbols of our beautiful St. Mary's Church stained glass windows. We also enjoyed getting a glimpse into our parish's and town's history through the individuals memorialized in the windows. The series was recorded, and is being edited for view-ability. Once ready, an access link will be emailed to all participants. It will also be made available to the parish at large. God bless you and have a wonderful Holy Week!

CLOW- CHILDREN K-6: CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: Today, Sunday, April 10. 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.



Spring Vacation Week April 17 – April 23 Classes resume Sunday April 24

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

DAY	GRADE	GRADE
Sun., Apr. 10	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	
Mon., Apr. 11	Holy Week	No Classes
Tues., Apr. 12	Holy Week	No Classes
Wed., Apr. 13	Holy Week	No Classes
Thur., Apr. 14	Holy Week	No Classes
Sun., Apr. 17	Easter Sunday	No Classes

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

Grade 9 meets on Tuesday, April 26 and Thursday, April 28. Grade 10 meets on Tuesday, May 3 and Thursday, May 5. Classes are from 6:30 to 8:30 PM in Fr. Haley Hall.



CHILDREN'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Please come and take part in this most solemn "Way of the Cross" for Children at Noon on Good Friday, April 15. Children in Grades K-5 will offer the Stations of the Cross as a tableau of the Passion of Jesus. Readers

will proclaim each Station.

**REHEARSALS FOR CHILDREN'S STATIONS OF** *THE CROSS:* This week -Tuesday, April 12 and Wednesday, April 13 from 4-5:30 PM. Please meet in church with Mrs. Crespi to sign-in.

#### GRADE 3 ROSARY MAKING GENERAL

**SESSION:** On Sunday, April 24 all Grade 3 students will gather in Fr. Haley Hall for a General Session to make their personal Rosary beads from 2-4 PM. Children from Sunday and weekday classes are to attend this session. Grade 3 Teachers are needed to assist the students in assembling their Rosaries. There will also be a talk on the importance of praying the Rosary daily and the Fatima Apparitions of 1917.

FIRST COMMUNION NOTICE: If you have not done so already, please provide us with your child's correct First, Middle and Last Name for their First Communion Certificate by going to the LINK below: Also, PLEASE select ONE Certificate Mass Day/Time for your child to receive their certificate. The Certificate Mass must be the same weekend your child makes his/her First Communion. https://bit.ly/3Ligcru

**GRADE 7 VOCATION NIGHTS:** On Sunday, April 24 from 5-6:30 PM and Wednesday, April 27 from 6-7:30 PM, in Fr. Haley Hall, Fr. Mark, Deacon John, Sister Jeanmarie Gribaudo, and several married couples from St. Mary's, will present how their call to serve Christ in their daily work, ministry and through marriage brings the Good News of Christ to the people.

PARISH MAY DEVOTION ~ GRADES 2 - 5: The May Devotion will take place on Monday, May 2 at 7:00 PM in the church. Children and families are to bring their Rosary beads and flowers. Fr. Mark will bless the Rosary Beads the children have made. The Rosary will be prayed together during this devotion to honor Mary for her "Yes" to God's divine plan for our salvation. Everyone is welcome to join in this beautiful devotion.

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. New volunteers must have information verified in person by any staff member. Please note: If an FY2022 form has already been submitted, we do not need another.

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL July 25 - 29, 2022!



Embark on discovering the vastness of God's love while walking through valleys and canyons! Raise your eyes up to a loving and powerful God who is bigger than anything and explore

what it means to be loved by a mighty God! Change the colors on Chromo Slime, help the Pharaoh understand his dreams or unleash energy with a Coyote Cruiser! Registration coming soon.