



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 Choir Mass

Holy Days: Announced

Adoration Schedule:

First Fridays 9:30-10:30 AM
All Thursdays from 7-8 PM

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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-12:45 PM. Hepa Filter Air Purifier in place.

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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April 17, 2022
Easter Sunday

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

Rejoice! Rejoice for the Lord has risen as He promised! Rejoice because death has forever lost its power over us! Rejoice to gather together on this holiest of days, united as the Church in our Savior's love! Rejoice!

St. Mary's has special cause for joy this weekend as we receive two new sisters into the Catholic faith. Please welcome Rose Sampane, who is receiving Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation at our Vigil. Please also congratulate Sharon Brovelli, as she makes her First Communion and Confirmation at that same celebration. Always, the initiation of new persons into the Church invites us to consider our own place as members of the Living Body of Christ. To be a Catholic is to be part of a community of believers who are committed to assisting one another as we journey together in the Lord. It's not by accident that Jesus never sent His disciples off alone, but always two by two. In this way, they were able to support and encourage each other along the difficult but royal road of the Cross – the way of forgiveness and sacrificial love that alone will bring us safely home to God.

Today's Gospel tells us that on the first Easter morning when Mary Magdalene came alone to the tomb and found it empty she was filled with distress. In contrast, when Peter and the Beloved Disciple ran to the tomb together, they began to believe in the Resurrection. The simple lesson here is that we are not meant to seek Christ alone. That is why the faster, Beloved Disciple waited for Peter to catch up before entering the tomb. It is when we seek the Risen Lord together as Church that faith and hope unfold most readily before us. Nowhere is this truth more evident than when we gather each week for Sunday Eucharist – the Sacrament and mystery by which we are united to Christ and one another. Jesus is risen, but when we gather in His Holy Name and receive together the precious gift of His Body and Blood, He is with us still.

It is a wonderful adventure to experience the living presence of Jesus and to follow Him in our daily lives. Our share in His Resurrection begins now and extends unto eternity. If you find yourself this Easter feeling disconnected from the Lord, then there is no more appropriate time to welcome Him anew into your life. If you live nearby, we invite you to return here next Sunday and find out more about following Jesus. If you live far away, we hope that you will seek out a parish family near you that will support you as you grow in His faith and love. On behalf of all of us here at St. Mary's, I wish you and your loved ones a blessed and joyful Easter.

In Christ's Service and Yours,

Rev. Mark J. Coiro
Pastor



A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion
to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,
that you would hold and protect them.
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.
Amen.



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

CLASS OF 2022 MASS FOR GRADUATES:

Sunday, May 15, at 11:30 AM, St. Mary's will offer her 10th Annual Mass for Graduates. This year our parish has teens graduating from seven different schools. The Mass will include a special Blessing of Graduates, the Presentation of the 2022 Blessed Mother Scholarship, and a Student Class Speaker. The Mass is followed by a light reception in Fr. Haley Hall, and a Group Class Photo for the Newsletter. Come congratulate our graduates!

SAVE THE DATE ~ THE SPRING BBQ IS BACK!

St. Mary's Annual Spring Barbecue is Saturday, June 11 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM in Father Haley Hall. Join us as Tennessee BBQ fires up the grill for BBQ chicken, pulled pork, cheeseburgers, hotdogs, baked beans, corn on the cob and much more. Bring the kids and experience a fun filled evening of good food, friendship and live musical entertainment. Come meet your neighbors! Tickets: \$7 for kids 12 and under, \$10 for adults. Tickets go on sale after all Masses the weekend of May 28/29, and June 4/5, and may also be purchased through the Religious Education Office starting June 6. There are no tickets at the door.

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. And, of course, special thanks are extended to the parishioners who came every week to share a meal and build our parish community (photos)!

**2022 EASTER CANDLE:**

This year's Easter Candle has been given in loving memory of William Flannery. The Easter Candle is used at Masses during the Easter Season and at every Baptism and Funeral throughout the year. It represents the light of Christ's Resurrection conquering the darkness of sin and death.

UPCOMING MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	April 18
9:00	Paul T. Shea, 8 th Anv.
Tuesday	April 19
9:00	Funeral ~ Maryellen Connors
Wednesday	April 20
9:00	Matthew D'Agostino
Thursday	April 21
9:00	Timothy J O'Neil, 8 th Anv.
Friday	April 22
9:00	Wanda Zeglarska
Saturday	April 23
5:00	Brian Campbell
7:30	People of St. Mary's
Sunday	April 24
7:30	Martin J. O'Neill, 15 th Anv.
9:30	Patricia Canning
11:30	Marie Loscocco

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: The St. Mary's Knights of Columbus Council invites ALL parishioners to remain after Mass next weekend, 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. Have a wonderful Easter and we look forward to praying with you!



STEWARDSHIP



RETIRED PRIESTS (TODAY)

Due to the Pandemic's impact on in-person Mass attendance, St. Mary's 2020 and 2021 Easter Mass Collections for Retired Priests were down by 66% from the previous year.

Please help us avoid a repeat of that drop today by generously supporting the 2022 Easter Collection for Retired Priests.

These good and holy men gave their whole lives in dedicated service to us. Now let us be there for them in their need.

Please mail in or drop in the wooden boxes at Mass your Easter Offering. Or you may contribute online at

<https://clergytrust.org/>.

WeShare and Automatic Giving gifts may also be designated for the Easter Collection. Thank you!

CATHOLIC APPEAL

To date our parish has raised \$67,842.00 from 30% of St. Mary's active households, reaching 78% of our parish goal of \$87,486.

These contributions support the many ministries of our Archdiocese and improve the lives of many vulnerable persons in these hard times.

If you have not yet made your Appeal contribution, please consider making a pledge soon.

(Option 1) Mail in or drop off an official Catholic Appeal Envelope, or any envelope labelled "Catholic Appeal," to St. Mary's.

(Option 2) Scan this QR Code.



(Option 3) Visit <https://bostoncatholicappeal.org/> and scroll to the bottom of the page to donate online. Thank you!

SAINT MARY'S PARISH

Parish Offertory Last Weekend.

Automatic Giving: \$ 3,219.00

WeShare: \$ 3,296.00

Offertory Dropped
off / mailed in: \$ 7,340.00

Total Offertory: \$13,855.00

Weekly Offertory
Need: \$15,000.00

Offertory Shortfall
Last Weekend: \$ 1,145.00

We urge all parishioners to please make the switch to Automatic Giving or WeShare. Learn how to do so at:

<https://stmarysholliston.com/how-to-give/>.

These online services protect your Parish from the impact of travel, illness, bad weather, pandemic shut downs, etc. Thank you and God bless you.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH

GROUP: Our next Trip is this Thursday, April 21 to PnL Paintball. Please arrive by 8 AM at the Parish Center with a bagged lunch and plenty of drinks for the day! Our next Meeting is the May 15 End of Year Potluck Supper for all MSYG teens and their 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 8th Graders as they move on to High School, and enjoy a special Slideshow of the great year we have had together. MSYG is back!



Friendship, Faith, Service, Fun!

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 her at stmarysYM1870@gmail.com as 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 Mission 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. 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!

women in
WINGS
God's spirit

WINGS: Our WINGS (Women in God's Spirit) Spring Season via Zoom continues this Wednesday, April 20 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." Our speaker this week is Fr. Gerry Osterman. He is a retired priest who served at several parishes in the archdiocese and among other things was the Director of the Pontifical Mission Society for the archdiocese. He founded the St. Boniface Foundation for Haiti and he has worked with Haitians and immigrants for four decades. 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.

THE ROSE FOR LIFE: Is sponsored this week by Tony and Adele Polise. 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 & 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, please call the Rectory at 508-429-4427.

K OF C BERTUCCI'S FUNDRAISER – TUESDAY, APRIL 26: Visit any Bertucci's location for lunch or dinner on Tuesday, April 26, or order online or by telephone from 11:00 AM - 10 PM; and Bertucci's will donate 15% of your purchase to the Holliston Knights of Columbus when you present a coupon, or use this unique code for online orders or Carry Out: **CODE 596-351-383**. The coupon may be downloaded from: <https://stmarysholliston.com/all-parish-forms/>.



CLOW- CHILDREN K-6: CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: Will resume, **Sunday, April 24.** 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., Apr. 17	Easter Sunday	No Classes
Mon., Apr. 18	Holy Week	No Classes
Tues., Apr. 19	Holy Week	No Classes
Wed., Apr. 20	Holy Week	No Classes
Thur., Apr. 21	Holy Week	No Classes
Sun., Apr. 24	GR-5 at 10:45 AM	GR-6 at 4:00 PM
	*GR-7 at 5:00 PM	

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.



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.

***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 two married couples from St. Mary's, will present how their call to serve Christ in their daily work, ministry and the Sacrament of Marriage brings the Good News of Christ to the people.

RESCHEDULED GRADES 3-7

COORDINATOR/TEACHER MEETING: To Thursday, April 28 from 7:30-8:30 PM in RM 3 & 4. Coordinators must attend for planning next year's Religious Education Program and schedule.

FIRST COMMUNION NOTICE:

If you have not done so already, please provide us with your child's correct Middle 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>



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.*

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 our Blessed Mother for her "Yes" to God's divine plan for our salvation. Everyone is welcome to attend!

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. **Registrations have been mailed via Post as well as Email. Deadline to Register is July 1, 2022.**

PARENT MEETING FOR GRADE 2 CHILDREN PREPARING FOR FIRST COMMUNION:

Please mark your calendars for Wednesday, May 4, to attend one of two parent meetings; from 10 - 11 AM or 7 - 8 PM in Fr. Haley Hall. This meeting regards the First Communion Masses on Saturday, June 11 and 18.