



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 Choir Mass

Holy Days: Announced

Adoration Schedule:

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

Our Mission:

“To know Christ and to make Him known.”

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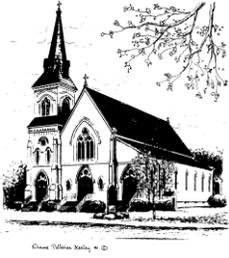
Dear Visitors: Welcome! We are delighted that you chose to worship with us this day. Please introduce yourself to the priest, and if you are interested in becoming a member of the parish then please call the rectory to register. Please also be aware that for generations it has been the custom at St.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

Confession: Saturdays from Noon-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 24, 2022
Divine Mercy Sunday

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

Looking upon our sanctuary it is easy to see that the Easter season has truly arrived. The stark simplicity of Lent has been replaced by a lush and blooming abundance that speaks to us of new life and Resurrection. Special thanks to Najat Whalen and the members of the Art & Environment Committee whose green thumbs worked this transformation, including Mary Theresa Whalen, Katie Smith, Cindy Pratt, Marjorie, Abby & Ellie Winchenbach, Sharon & Susannah Butler, Emily Bukow, Maria Bomba, Ingrid Roth, Linda Truitt, Bea Hait, & Ana Rojo-O'Brien. We thank everyone who touched our Easter celebrations with beauty and grace. These include the St. Mary's Adult Choir accompanied by Saeah Lee; Leo Racine; Deacons Marty, John, and Ron; and all the Altar Servers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and Ushers. Well done!

Thank you also to the good people of St. Mary's who warmly welcomed our many Easter visitors. I would especially like to congratulate every parent who made the effort to help their child / children experience the beauty of Triduum. Whether you brought them to Holy Thursday's Mass of the Lord's Supper, or to Good Friday's Evening Passion Service, or to the Great Easter Vigil, you taught them a powerful lesson about embracing Holy Week and faith in its fullness. You provided them as many opportunities for grace as you could, and there is no more precious gift.

As we all know, faith is very much a fluid and living thing. It ebbs and flows as sometimes we feel very close to God and other times He seems to recede far into the distance. Like Mary who *"reflected on these things and stored them up in her heart,"* we hold fast to the memory of the close times with God in order to get us through the distant times. Like "doubting" Thomas in today's Gospel, we may long for physical, tangible proof of the living presence of the Lord, and yet Jesus challenges us to follow Him without it. *"Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."* Doubt is not always a bad thing. Doubt provides the opportunity for faith – for following even when we do not understand. There is no Christian, anywhere, who does not struggle with at least some aspect of their faith's teaching. The first step in such moments is to study the particular teaching in question and make a sincere effort to understand it. If understanding does not come, then we pray for strength to live faithfully even that which we do not yet fully understand. As St. Paul said, we see now *"as through a glass darkly,"* but one day we shall see God face to face, and in His light experience the joy of perfect truth.

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

Under His Mercy,

Rev. Mark J. Coiro
Pastor



NEXT SUNDAY ~ COFFEE, JUICE & DONUTS:

All are invited to Fr. Haley Hall next Sunday, May 1, following the 9:30 AM Mass. Come enjoy coffee, juice, donuts and most importantly - the chance to connect with and get to know your fellow parishioners. WELCOME!

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 \$83,672 from 40% of St. Mary's active households, reaching 96% 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 <https://bostoncatholicappeal.org/> and scroll to the bottom of the page to donate online.



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

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

EASTER SUNDAY COLLECTION FOR RETIRED PRIESTS: \$11,728.25

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN THE HOLY LAND: \$3,369.25

Thank you for your faithful support of your parish, our retired priests, and the Church in the Holy Land.

THE ROSE FOR LIFE: Is sponsored this week by the Koval Family. Please join them in prayer for an unborn child.



MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday	April 23
5:00	Brian Campbell
7:30	People of St. Mary's
Sunday	April 24
7:30	Martin J. O'Neill, Jr., 15 th Anv.
9:30	Patricia Canning
11:30	Marie Loscocco
Monday	April 25
9:00	Maria Lourdes Amaral, Month's Mind
Tuesday	April 26
9:00	Margaret Bowles
Wednesday	April 27
9:00	Carmen Laguna
Thursday	April 28
9:00	Special Intention
Friday	April 29
9:00	Stephen Burke
Saturday	April 30
5:00	Deceased members of the D'Aloia and LaRoche Families
7:30	Justin Mayer, 15 th Anv.
Sunday	May 1
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Costantina DiCenso
11:30	Marie Meehan

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: The St. Mary's Knights of Columbus Council invites ALL parishioners to remain after Mass this weekend (Divine Mercy Sunday) for a brief prayer service. See inside Bulletin for more information.

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!

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP: 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!

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, reach out to Theresa at stmarysYM1870@gmail.com as she is happy to discuss this year's Mission trip, as well as answer any lingering questions. Mission Team - we are looking forward to seeing you on April 24 for EPIC, and on Friday April 29 for Bowling! Come meet your fellow Mission Team participants and have a ball!

EPIC HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP: COMING UP - our next EPIC meeting will be today, Sunday, April 24, 7:15-8:45 PM. SCAVENGER HUNT NIGHT. Come prepared - bring your game faces, your best detective skills, and your friends for this adventure! Open to all high school students. Later in the week - **EPIC Bowling Trip** will take place on Friday, April 29 at Pinz in Milford starting at 7:00 PM. \$20 and Permission forms will be due at the April 24 meeting. (Must attend the Meeting for bowling on Friday!) Check your 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!

WINGS: Our WINGS (Women in God's Spirit) Spring Season via Zoom concludes this Wednesday, April 27 at 10 AM. Our speaker this week is Sister Dorothea Masuret CSJ. Sr. Dorothea opened and closed our Fall 2021 Season. Drawing on the gifts in Catholic Social Teaching, Sr. Dorothea will lead us in a final morning of prayer helping us to discern how God is now calling us to live loving and caring lives each day based on CST principles. Dorothea Masuret, CSJ, received a master's degree in Pastoral Ministry from Boston College. She served in the Office for Pastoral Ministries in the Archdiocese of Boston, providing opportunities for ongoing spiritual formation and pastoral outreach. She also served as a facilitator for Parish Pastoral Councils, Religious Communities and Parish Staffs assisting them in developing goals and actions that embraced Christ's Mission. Presently she is engaged in St. Joseph Spiritual 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.

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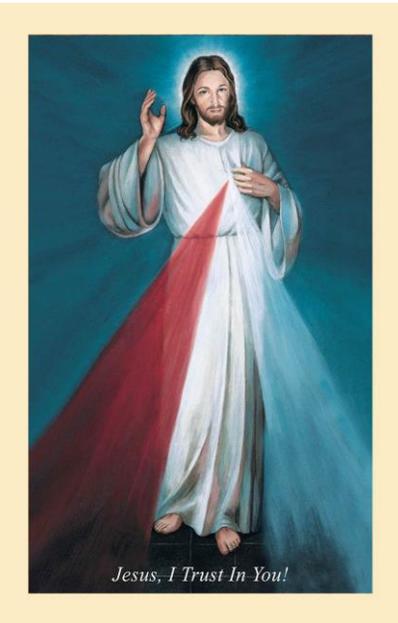
SAVE THE DATE ~ THE SPRING BBQ IS BACK: St. Mary's Annual Spring Barbecue is Saturday, June 11 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM in Father Haley Hall. Join us as Tennessee BBQ fires up the grill for BBQ chicken, pulled pork, cheeseburgers, hotdogs, baked beans, mac and cheese, corn on the cob and much more. Bring 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.

SOLES 4 SOULS **SOLES FOR SOULS SHOE DRIVE:** A donation box for a shoe drive being run by a local high school student has been placed inside the main lobby of the church. All types and sizes of new or gently used shoes are welcome, including singles! These donations will eventually reach developing countries to be reused and worn by those in need. Every pair makes a difference by helping people in poverty generate income and protecting the environment by keeping used shoes out of landfills. The drive will run from April 25 until May 8. You may donate as much or little as you are able. Thank you for helping to embrace the Catholic spirit of giving!

K OF C BERTUCCI'S FUNDRAISER – THIS 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/>.



DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: Immediately following the 11:30 AM Mass today, Divine Mercy Sunday, the Knights of Columbus will lead the praying of 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. Additional information about the chaplet can be found on the web at: <https://rb.gy/guwqms>.



THE DIVINE MERCY MESSAGE: The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us – all of us. And, he wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy. The Divine Mercy message is one we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC:

A - Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

B - Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

C - Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.

This message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God's mercy. Even before her death in 1938, the devotion to The Divine Mercy had begun to spread. Spend time to learn more about the mercy of God, learn to trust in Jesus, and live your life as merciful to others, as Christ is merciful to you.

WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS: *“All grace flows from mercy, and the last hour abounds with mercy for us. Let no one doubt concerning the goodness of God; even if a person’s sins were as dark as night, God’s mercy is stronger than our misery. One thing alone is necessary; that the sinner set ajar the door of his heart, be it ever so little, to let in a ray of God’s merciful grace, and then God will do the rest.”* - St. Faustina

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT, SATURDAY, MAY 14: St. Mary’s Knights of Columbus Council #14224 is teaming with Green Team Junk Removal to hold an Electronics Recycling Event and the funds raised will be used to help the council with their efforts to assist others in need. Here is what can be accepted: PC monitors, CPU's, motherboards, hard drives, power supplies, RAM memory, peripheral cards, keyboards, telecommunications equipment and boards, printers, gaming systems, amplifiers, and routers. Flat-Screen tvs and flat-screen computer monitors will also be accepted. A minimum total donation of \$10 is requested for the first three items and \$5 for each additional item. **SPECIAL:** Your hard-to-get-rid-of AIR CONDITIONERS will be accepted for a \$15 separate fee each. This event will take place on Saturday, May 14, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM in St. Mary’s church parking lot. It's a win-win event, you get your home cleared of old electronics you don't want or need AND the Knights get much-needed funds for their efforts to help those less fortunate.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: Please join us at 10 AM on Friday, May 20, at the Fatima Shrine, Summer Street, Holliston as the women of the World Day of Prayer Committee of England, Wales and Northern Ireland call us to worship with the words Jesus asked “I know the plans I have for you.” The women of England, Wales and Northern Ireland invite us to learn about their history and culture as they challenge us all to widen our circles and to expand our communities. Let us walk in faith and prayerful action!

CLOW- CHILDREN K-6: CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: Today, **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.

**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.**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

DAY	GRADE	GRADE
Sun., Apr. 24	GR-5 at 10:45 AM	GR-6 at 4:00 PM
	*GR-7 at 5:00 PM	
Mon., Apr. 25	GR-6 at 4:00 PM	GR-8 at 6:00 PM
Tues., Apr. 26	GR-9 at 6:30 PM	
Wed., Apr. 27	GR-2 at 4:15 PM	*GR-7 at 6:00 PM
	GR-8 at 6:00 PM	
Thur., Apr. 28	GR-9 at 6:30 PM	
Sun., May 1	GR-2 at 8:10 AM	GR-2 at 10:45 AM
	GR-6 at 4:00 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.



TODAY! GRADE 3 ROSARY MAKING GENERAL SESSION: 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: Tonight -** 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: Thursday, April 28 from 7:30 to 8:30 PM in RM 3 – 4. Grade Coordinators must attend.

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!



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/3Ligercu>

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.