



# 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

**2022 CATHOLIC APPEAL GOAL ACHIEVED!**

We want to thank everyone from our parish who contributed to the 2022 Catholic Appeal. Our Parish Goal of \$87,486 has been reached. Whether you gave \$20 or \$2,000, what matters is that *you did what you could* according to your means to support the good works of our Catholic Church. Please know that your parish is proud of you. And may the blessings promised to the compassionate be yours in abundance. Amen.

**PARISH OFFERTORY LAST WEEKEND:**

Automatic Giving: \$ 5,570.00  
 WeShare: \$ 5,481.00  
 Offertory Envelopes  
 dropped off / mailed in \$ 6,841.00  
 Total Offertory: \$ 17,892.00

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

**NEWSLETTER COLLATING TOMORROW:**

Please join us this Monday, May 2 from 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM in Father Haley Hall to assist in our collating of the May Newsletter. All are welcome and needed! You may read it now in color at: <https://stmarysholliston.com/wp-content/uploads/May-2022-Newsletter.pdf>.

**HOLLISTON PANTRY SHELF HELP:** Peanut butter, grape and strawberry jelly, sugar, ketchup, white vinegar, canned chili and beef stew, cookies, canned turkey/chicken, canned fruits, juice boxes and snacks. Donations may be dropped off in the blue bin by the main St. Mary's parking lot entrance.

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>April 30</b>
5:00	Deceased members of the D'Aloia and LaRoche Families
7:30	Justin Mayer, 15 <sup>th</sup> Anv.
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 1</b>
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Costantina DiCenso
11:30	Marie Meehan
<b>Monday</b>	<b>May 2</b>
9:00	Wanda Zeglarska
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>May 3</b>
9:00	Wanda Zeglarska
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>May 4</b>
9:00	Margaret Bowles
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>May 5</b>
9:00	Matthew D'Agostino
<b>Friday</b>	<b>May 6</b>
9:00	Fr. Issa & the People of our Sister Parish, Our Lady of Fatima, Beit Sahour
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>May 7</b>
5:00	Joan Mullen
7:30	Jane Errico, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Anv.
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 8</b>
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Catherine Martha Whalen, 25 <sup>th</sup> Anv.
11:30	Dr. Emmanuel Taktak

**TODAY ~ DONUTS, JUICE**

**& COFFEE:** The Welcoming Committee invites all parishioners and their families to stop into Fr. Haley Hall after the 9:30 AM Mass today, Sunday, May 1, for donuts, juice and coffee!

**HOLY HOUR EVERY THURSDAY:** Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction, Thursday, May 5, from 7 - 8 PM. This Thursday, please include this intention in your time before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament: "Peace in Ukraine." The Thursday Holy Hours are part of St. Mary's observance of the "Year of the Eucharist," concluding on Corpus Christi Sunday.

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

**CARDINAL'S BULLETIN INSERT:** Cardinal O'Malley has provided the Respect Life Insert found on the next page for all parishes to include in their bulletins this weekend. Please become informed on this important issue. Thank you.



## **Say NO to Physician Assisted Suicide in Massachusetts**

### **LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD NOW!**

The Massachusetts State Legislature is considering passing into law two deeply troubling bills this session which would legalize Physician Assisted Suicide. The bills, House 2381 and Senate 1384, are identical in text and titled “*An Act relative to end of life options*”.

*“The Catholic Bishops of Massachusetts stand united in our strong opposition to Physician Assisted Suicide. It is an affront to life and a dangerous precedent for determining end of life issues. Physicians are trained to care for the ill, not to hasten death.”<sup>1</sup>*

Here are some troubling facts to consider before you act:

- 1) The bills would allow a physician to provide a deadly drug mixture to an individual diagnosed with less than 6 months to live that, when consumed, would cause death.  
**NOTE-** The diagnosis could be wrong. Countless individuals have outlived that 6-month diagnosis and enjoyed many more precious months and years with family and friends.
- 2) No Real Safeguards - A vulnerable individual who is physically disabled, depressed, or fears being a “burden” may be subject to undue influence by others to take the drug mixture, especially if there is a financial benefit as an incentive.
- 3) The primary focus of elected officials should be dedicated to legislation providing quality health care, mental health care and palliative care to the sick and dying – particularly in the underserved, poor and minority communities that suffer the most at the time of need.

### **How can your voice be heard?**

Call or email your legislators, let them know you are a Massachusetts voter, and say NO to Physician Assisted Suicide! Log on to [www.macatholic.org](http://www.macatholic.org) and follow the links to find contact information for:

- Members of the legislative Joint Committee on Health Care Finance who will be considering these bills.
- Your individual State Senator and Representative via address and zip code link.

**For individuals without internet access, please call the Massachusetts Catholic Conference at 617-746-5630 for legislative contact information.**



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<sup>1</sup> Boston Pilot - Statement of the four Roman Catholic Bishops of Boston, Fall River, Springfield, and Worcester (December 8, 2017)





## From the Pastor's Desk

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

As we enter today into Mary's Month of May, I invite you to ask her intercession in a special way for vocations to the priesthood. One of Mary's titles is "Mother of Priests," and she had always been understood to watch over priests in a special way *"because, like her, they are committed to the mission of proclaiming, bearing witness to and giving Christ to the world"* (Pope Benedict XVI). I have placed below a Litany Prayer to Mary for an increase in priestly vocations, and I ask that you pray it during this month dedicated to the Blessed Mother. Please in your kindness pray also for me, that God may strengthen me to your service.

God bless you.

Rev. Mark J. Coiro

Mother of the Word Incarnate, help us to become more aware of the need for vocations...

Mother of God, grant that others, like yourself, may say "yes" to your Son's call to the religious life...

Mother of the Church, may many workers be added to the service of your Son's Church...

Lady of Mercy, enlighten our minds so we may respond to our responsibility as parents to foster vocations in our own homes...

Mother of Priests, help our sons to bind themselves closer to God, through a vocation in the Church...

Queen of Angels, give our Church true disciples who will serve as priests, sisters and brothers...

Dearest Mother, keep our young open to hear God's call...

Mother of Love, make us more open to the love our priests and religious have for us...

Holy Family, help the families in this parish to discuss vocations to the religious life in a positive, encouraging manner...

Mother of our Savior, may more young men and women go from this parish as priests, brothers and sisters to bring the truths of our Catholic faith to all others, so that they may know and love your Son...

O, Mary, intercede for us! Amen.



**CLASS OF 2022 MASS FOR GRADUATES:** Sunday, May 15, at 11:30 AM, St. Mary's will offer her 10<sup>th</sup> 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!

**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](mailto:stmarysYM1870@gmail.com) as she is happy to discuss this year's Mission trip, as well as answer any lingering questions. Mission Team – MARK YOUR CALENDARS: MISSION SOCIAL NIGHT, MAY 22 AT 7PM. MORE INFO COMING YOUR WAY SHORTLY!

**EPIC HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP:** The boys team had an outstanding win in this year's photo scavenger hunt, and went home with some pretty awesome gift cards, and great memories! Coming up - Our FINAL EPIC meeting of the year on Sunday, May 8 from 7:15-8:45 PM. Mark your calendars! If you have not made it to one EPIC yet this year, this is the one you should not miss! For more updates and info, reach out to Theresa Virzi at [stmarysYM1870@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysYM1870@gmail.com) or follow [stmarysep](#) on Instagram!

**MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP ~ END OF YEAR CLOSING**

**CEREMONY & POTLUCK:** Sunday, May 15, 6:30 – 8:30 PM. All MSYG moms & dads are invited to join their teen/s for this annual End of Year Celebration. The night will include: Delicious Pot Luck Supper (Please bring your potluck item as assigned in the next mailing, except for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade parents & teens who are our special guests); Prayer & Closing Ceremony; Awards & Honoring of MSYG 8<sup>th</sup> Graders as they go forth to High School; Brownstone Quarry and Scavenger Hunt Sign Ups; Summer raft team sign ups; and a Giant Slideshow Movie of all this past Year's events!

**WINGS:** Our WINGS (Women in God's Spirit) Spring Season via Zoom has now finished. We have spent a very fruitful WINGS 2021-22 year studying and reflecting on the principles of Catholic Social Teaching and the ways we can live CST principles in our lives today.

We will soon begin planning for our 2022-23 WINGS year. If you have ideas for topics you would like to learn about or speakers you would like to hear, please let us know by emailing [stmaryswingssecretary@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryswingssecretary@gmail.com). All women are most welcome to join us. Email [stmaryswingssecretary@gmail.com](mailto: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. Watch for details of our Fall 2022 program later this summer and we'll see you in the Fall!

**POTLUCK DINNER****SOLES  
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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 16. You may donate as much or little as you are able. Thank you for helping to embrace the Catholic spirit of giving!

**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!

**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.



**WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS:** *"If this mission may sometimes seem difficult, call to mind the words of the Risen Lord: 'I am with you always, to the close of the age' (Matthew 28:20). Certain of his presence, you shall fear no difficulty and no obstacle. His word will enlighten you; his Body and his Blood will nourish you and sustain you on your daily journey to eternity."*

- St. John Paul II

**CLOW- CHILDREN K-6: CHILDREN'S**

**LITURGY OF THE WORD:** Will resume on **Sunday, May 8.** 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., May 1	GR-2 at 8:10 AM	GR-2 at 10:45 AM
	GR-6 at 4:00 PM	
Mon., May 2	GR-6 at 4:00 PM	
Tues., May 3	GR-10 at 6:30 PM	
Wed., May 4	No Class Sessions	
Thur., May 5	GR-10 at 6:30 PM	
Sun., May 8	GR-K at 9:15 AM	

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

Grade 9 meets on Tuesday, May 10 and Thursday, May 12. Grade 10 meets on Tuesday, May 3 and Thursday, May 5. Classes are from 6:30 to 8:30 PM in Fr. Haley Hall.

**TOMORROW NIGHT! PARISH MAY DEVOTION**

**GRADES 3 - 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 recently 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!

**PARENT MEETING FOR GRADE 2 CHILDREN PREPARING FOR FIRST COMMUNION:**

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



**FIRST COMMUNION:** The dates for First Holy Communion Masses have been set for Saturday, June 11, at 10:30 AM and Saturday, June 18, at 10:30 AM. Please direct any further questions to Fran at [st.marysDRE1870@gmail.com](mailto:st.marysDRE1870@gmail.com) or to our GR-2 Coordinator, Derri Cole at: [colederr@hotmail.com](mailto:colederr@hotmail.com).

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL****July 25 - 29, 2022!****Limited Space Available****Registration Deadline: July 1, 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 is OPEN with a limit of 100 children. Placement from St. Mary's registered families is on a "first come, first serve" basis. There will have a waitlist available. **Registrations have been mailed via Post as well as Email. Friday, July 29 is a rain date.**

**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](mailto: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.*

**FAMILY BASE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** In order for Home Base children to be promoted to the next grade level, they must have their *End of the Year Assessment*. Students and Parents will meet with Fran Crespi to review. Please check your Email and Bulletin for days and times being offered in May and June. For questions contact Fran at: [st.marysdre1870@gmail.com](mailto:st.marysdre1870@gmail.com).