



HAPPY Mother's DAY

“She is clothed with strength and dignity;
she can laugh at the days to come.
She speaks with wisdom,
and faithful instruction is on her tongue.
She watches over the affairs of her household,
and does not eat the bread of idleness.
Her children arise and call her blessed;
her husband also, and he praises her”

Proverbs 31:25-28



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 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!

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

PARISH OFFERTORY LAST WEEKEND:

Automatic Giving: \$ 4,770.00
 WeShare: \$ 6,290.00
 Offertory Envelopes
 dropped off / mailed in \$ 6,464.00
 Total Offertory: \$ 17,524.00

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

BIRTHRIGHT CARNATIONS: Birthright of Framingham has decided that the annual Mother's Day Carnation Project will not be held due to the continued uncertainties of Covid. This is usually the primary fundraising event held by Birthright. The Birthright Center is staffed entirely by volunteers who offer friendship, emotional support, and practical assistance to women in a crisis pregnancy. Birthright does not charge for its services but relies on donations from generous supporters to continue helping pregnant women in need. Even without the Carnation Project, your support is deeply appreciated. Donations can be made by check and mailed to Birthright of Framingham, 79A Main St., Framingham 01702. Or, please consider how you might be able to help by becoming a volunteer or a Board Member. Please give us a call at 508-620-0657. Thank you!

HOLY HOUR EVERY THURSDAY: Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction, Thursday, May 12, from 7 - 8 PM. This Thursday, please include this intention in your time before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament: "For all First Responders." The Thursday Holy Hours are part of St. Mary's observance of the "Year of the Eucharist," concluding on Corpus Christi Sunday.

MASS INTENTIONS:

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| Saturday | May 7 |
| 5:00 | Joan Mullen |
| 7:30 | Jane Errico, 3 rd Anv. |
| Sunday | May 8 |
| 7:30 | People of St. Mary's |
| 9:30 | Catherine Martha Whalen, 25 th Anv. |
| 11:30 | Dr. Emmanuel Taktak |
| Monday | May 9 |
| 9:00 | Holy Souls |
| Tuesday | May 10 |
| 9:00 | Wanda Zeglarska |
| Wednesday | May 11 |
| 9:00 | Adopted Families |
| Thursday | May 12 |
| 9:00 | Jose Luis |
| Friday | May 13 |
| 9:00 | Michael Eden, 10 th Anv. |
| Saturday | May 14 |
| 5:00 | Dolores Wilverding |
| 7:30 | Bill Tobin |
| Sunday | May 15 |
| 7:30 | People of St. Mary's |
| 9:30 | Rev. Edward Caron |

11:30 Mass for Graduates**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!



THE ROSE FOR LIFE: Is sponsored this week by Liz Theiler in memory of Emelia Bourque. Please join her in prayer for an unborn child.



From the Pastor's Desk

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

Happy Mother's Day! A blessed and happy Mother's Day to the moms of St. Mary's and to all our mothers wherever they may be. A mother's love speaks to us so powerfully of God's own love - a love that is sacrificial, unstinting, and always ready to forgive. The prophet Isaiah put it so beautifully when he said, "Can a mother forget her infant? Be without tenderness for the child of her womb? I tell you, even should she forget, I will never forget you." (Is 49:15)

It is no accident that the Church herself is referred to as a Mother, guiding her children in love and always ready to welcome them home. In John 14:18, Jesus promised that He would not leave us orphans, and that promise was fulfilled with the creation of His Church on Pentecost. Filled that day by the Holy Spirit of God, our Mother the Church began her long mission of raising up children in faith to know and love the Lord. "As nurslings, you shall be carried in her arms, and fondled in her lap; as a mother comforts her son, so will I comfort you." (Is 66:13)

And so on this Mother's Day I thank all moms not only for giving us the gift of life, but for all they do to connect their children to Jesus, and the hope of life eternal.

God bless you.



Rev. Mark J. Coiro

WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS: *"The Most Important Person on earth is a mother. She cannot claim the honor of having built Notre Dame Cathedral. She need not. She has built something more magnificent than any cathedral - a dwelling for an immortal soul, the tiny perfection of her baby's body... The angels have not been blessed with such a grace. They cannot share in God's creative miracle to bring new saints to Heaven. Only a human mother can. Mothers are closer to God the Creator than any other creature; God joins forces with mothers in performing this act of creation... What on God's good earth is more glorious than this: to be a mother?"*

- Venerable Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT, NEXT 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.



NEXT SUNDAY - 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 8th Grade parents & teens who are our special guests); Prayer & Closing Ceremony; Awards & Honoring of MSYG 8th 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!



HS 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. Mission Team – MARK YOUR CALENDARS, MISSION SOCIAL NIGHT: SATURDAY, MAY 21. MORE INFO COMING YOUR WAY SHORTLY, check your emails!



EPIC HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP IMPORTANT UPDATE: This weekend's May 8 meeting has been **POSTPONED** to May 22, 7:15-8:45 PM. This will be our last meeting of the year, featuring an end of year celebration, and PLENTY of food to share & enjoy! If you have not made it to any EPIC events this year-this is the one to NOT miss! We had a great turnout for our EPIC Bowling night! It was a blast! For more updates and info, reach out to Theresa Virzi at stmarysYM1870@gmail.com or follow stmarysepic on Instagram!

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.

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. 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 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!

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!

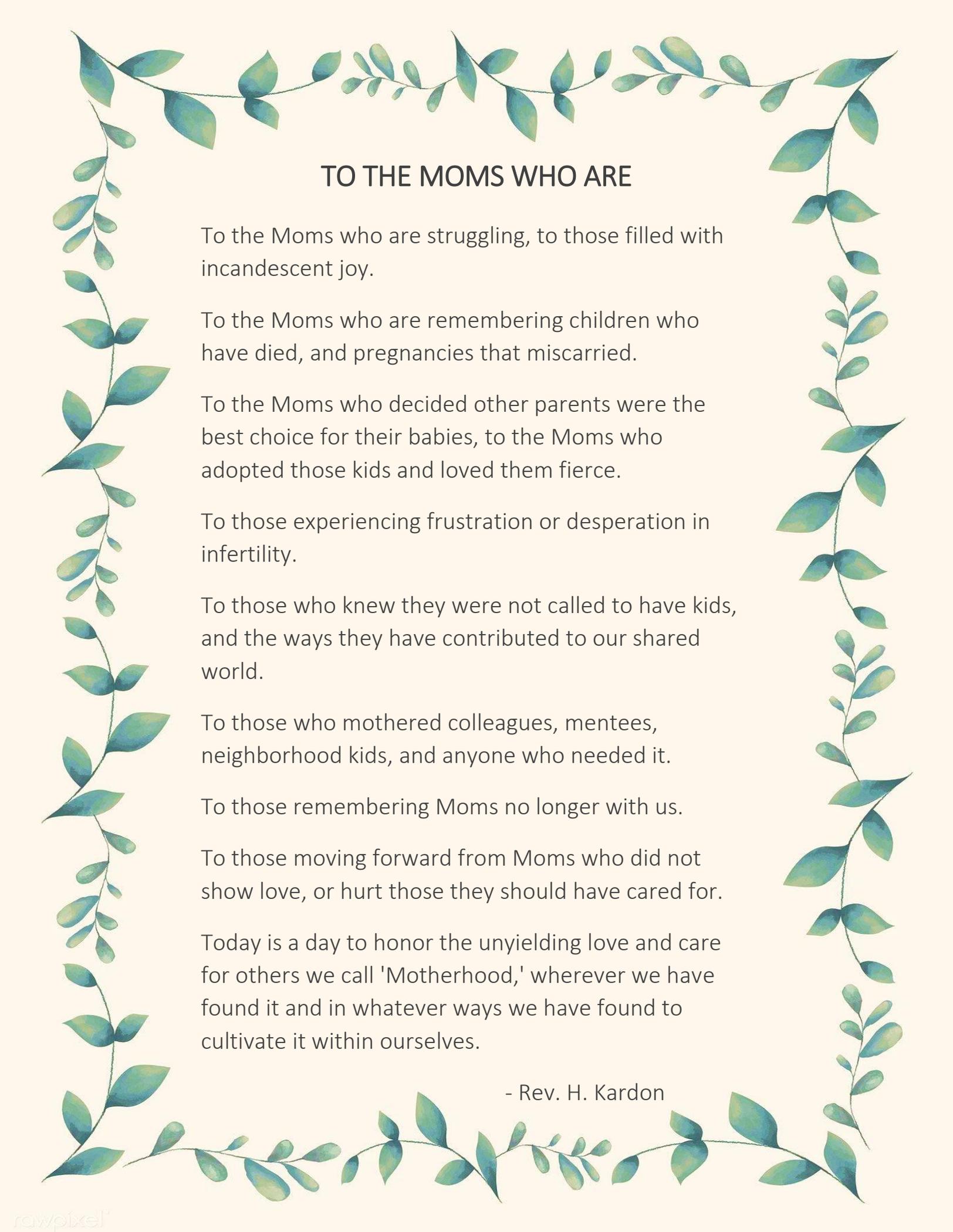
ANNUAL MARIAN DAYS OF FATIMA SHRINE: All are invited to the first Marian Day on Friday May 13 beginning with Mass in the Shrine Church at 7:00 PM followed by the candlelight Rosary Procession outdoors, weather permitting. This year's theme is Our Lady's Messages of Peace to the Continents. Europe will be the focus of our May celebration. All are welcome to this prayer.



JESUS IS HERE – EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS, TSONGAS CENTER AT UMASS LOWELL, SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 2022, 8:30 AM TO 6:00 PM.

This week's Gospel readings are all from John's Bread of Life discourse where Jesus tells his disciples He is the Bread of Life and whoever feeds on this bread will live forever. Many walked away because they could not, or would not, understand what Jesus was saying. And many continue to walk away today. But Jesus still calls. And that's where you fit in. Bring family, friends, or someone from the parish who may not go unless invited. As Catholics, that's our task—to bring others to Jesus.

Tickets are \$39 through May 22! Learn More at:
<https://www.evangelizeboston.com/eucharistic-congress/>



TO THE MOMS WHO ARE

To the Moms who are struggling, to those filled with incandescent joy.

To the Moms who are remembering children who have died, and pregnancies that miscarried.

To the Moms who decided other parents were the best choice for their babies, to the Moms who adopted those kids and loved them fierce.

To those experiencing frustration or desperation in infertility.

To those who knew they were not called to have kids, and the ways they have contributed to our shared world.

To those who mothered colleagues, mentees, neighborhood kids, and anyone who needed it.

To those remembering Moms no longer with us.

To those moving forward from Moms who did not show love, or hurt those they should have cared for.

Today is a day to honor the unyielding love and care for others we call 'Motherhood,' wherever we have found it and in whatever ways we have found to cultivate it within ourselves.

- Rev. H. Kardon

CLOW- CHILDREN K-6: CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: Today, **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 8 | GR-K at 9:15 AM | |
| Mon., May 9 | GR-6 at 4:00 PM | GR-8 at 6:00 PM |
| Tues., May 10 | GR-9 at 6:30 PM | |
| Wed., May 11 | GR-8 at 6:00 PM | |
| Thur., May 12 | GR-9 at 6:30 PM | |
| Sun., May 15 | GR-6 at 4:00 PM | |

CONFIRMATION I AND II ~ GRADES 9 / 10: Grade 9 meets on Tuesday, May 10 and Thursday, May 12. Grade 10 meets on Tuesday, May 17 and Thursday, May 19. Classes are from 6:30 to 8:30 PM in Fr. Haley Hall.

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION REQUEST: Confirmation is scheduled for Saturday, October 8, 2022 at 10:30 AM and 1:30 PM. Our Youth Minister Theresa Virzi, along with Gustavo Bachman, will be contacting all Confirmation candidates within the next few weeks for their completed paperwork regarding Confirmation Mass selection, Certificate Mass selection, interview time and other important information. Theresa may be contacted with any concerns or questions at 508-429-6076 x223 or email stmarysym1870@gmail.com.

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. Be on the lookout for Days and Times being offered soon! For questions contact Fran at: st.marysdre1870@gmail.com.

FIRST COMMUNION REHEARSAL

For Families scheduled for Communion Mass at 10:30 AM on Saturday, June 11
Rehearsal is Thursday, June 9 at 4:30 PM.

For Families scheduled for Communion Mass at 10:30 AM on Saturday, June 18
Rehearsal is Thursday, June 16 at 4:30 PM.

Families will meet in Fr. Haley Hall.



2022-2023 REGISTRATION ~ RELIGIOUS EDUCATION! If you are a new family to St. Mary's and have school age children, our Religious Education Program offers Faith Formation beginning in Pre-K through Grade 10. We welcome

all families to join our community of faith and experience the many programs St. Mary's offers to assist in our life-long journey and relationship with God. Contact the R.E. Office and request a registration form or go to parish forms on our website at <https://stmarysholliston.com/religious-education/religious-education-registration/> to download and complete the forms. Please help us achieve a smooth transition in September and return your forms TODAY. Registration is **due by June 17, 2022**. A **late fee of \$50 is incurred after June 17**.

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!
Limited Space Available
Registration
Revised Deadline is
June 15, 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.**