

**A NEW COMMANDMENT I GIVE TO YOU,  
THAT YOU LOVE ONE ANOTHER;  
*as I have loved you.***

JOHN 13:34A



## 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

**PARISH OFFERTORY LAST WEEKEND:**

Automatic Giving: \$ 4,299.00  
 WeShare: \$ 3,486.00  
 Offertory Envelopes  
 dropped off / mailed in \$ 10,900.00  
 Total Offertory: \$ 18,685.00

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/>.



**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 B BQ 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 NEXT weekend, May 28/29, and June 4/5. They may also be purchased through the Religious Education Office starting May 30. There are no tickets at the door.

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>May 14</b>
5:00	Dolores Wilverding
7:30	Bill Tobin
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 15</b>
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Rev. Edward Caron
11:30	Mass for Graduates
<b>Monday</b>	<b>May 16</b>
9:00	Wanda Zeglarska
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>May 17</b>
9:00	Holy Souls
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>May 18</b>
9:00	Paul T. Shea
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>May 19</b>
9:00	Elizabeth Carifi
<b>Friday</b>	<b>May 20</b>
9:00	Wanda Zeglarska
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>May 21</b>
5:00	Jimmy Porcello
7:30	John and Helen Shannahan
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 22</b>
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Walter "Wally" Winchenbach
11:30	Wanda Zeglarska

**CLASS OF 2022 MASS FOR GRADUATES:**

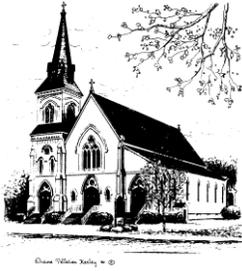
Today at 11:30 AM, St. Mary's will offer her 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Mass for Graduates. This year our parish has teens graduating from seven different schools. The Mass will include:

- 2022 Student Class Speaker, Robert Payne,
- A Special Blessing of All Graduates,
- Presentation of the Blessed Mother Scholarship,
- Group Class Photo for the Newsletter (after Mass),
- Members of the Class of 2022 will also serve in various ministries at this Mass.

The Mass is followed by a light reception in Fr. Haley Hall. Come congratulate our graduates!

**HOLY HOUR EVERY THURSDAY:** Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction, Thursday, May 19, from 7 - 8 PM. This Thursday, please include this intention in your time before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament: "For all facing surgery." The Thursday Holy Hours are part of St. Mary's observance of the "Year of the Eucharist," concluding on Corpus Christi Sunday.





# Saint Mary's Parish

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May 15, 2022  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

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

Today we see Paul and Barnabas spreading the Good News to great effect. This is a powerful reminder that by God's grace anyone can change. Saul, having encountered the Risen Lord, tried to embrace the Christian community in Jerusalem. Understandably, they were suspicious and afraid of Saul, who had previously persecuted their members. Saul's conversion, though, was sincere. He would later say that God chose him as "*the greatest of sinners*" to demonstrate that no one is beyond the mercy and saving power of God as made available to us in Christ Jesus.

Is there anyone who has badly hurt you or those you love? Is there someone you see as totally lacking in goodness and rotten to the core? If so, be careful not to reject or vilify that person – a person who like all of us is still a work in progress. Pray for them and remember that the degree of forgiveness you extend to them will be measured back to you by God. Jesus had told His disciples to love their enemies and pray for those who persecuted them. I believe that some in the early, persecuted Church must have been praying hard for Saul, and that their prayers played a part in his becoming St. Paul.

In the end it took Barnabas, whose name means "Son of Consolation," to introduce Saul to the other Christian leaders and slowly accomplish his acceptance into the fledgling Church. Many of us have been gifted by God with a Barnabas in our lives – a Son or Daughter of Consolation who was there for us and took our part when no one else was willing to do so. Thank God for that person today, pray for them, and consider how you are called to honor them and Jesus by yourself being an instrument of consolation to others. Is there someone in your family, neighborhood, school, or workplace that like Saul no one seems to be willing to give a chance? Be their Barnabas, confident that Christ is within them waiting to be acknowledged. Waiting to be loved.

As St. Paul himself would later write in his Letter to the Corinthians, "*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God.*"

In Christ's Service and Yours,

Rev. Mark J. Coiro  
Pastor

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This weekend our St. Mary's family recognizes our graduating High School parishioners from many schools. We ask God's blessing upon the young men and women of the Class of 2022, that He may watch over them, keep them safe, and guide their steps always in His path. We pray that these graduates will seek God's will and purpose for their lives. For if they can prayerfully discover and live out their true vocations, then they will be happier, healthier, and more of a blessing to others than they would be doing anything else. Congratulations Class of 2022!

## MAY 26, Ascension Thursday, A Holy Day of Obligation ~

**Vigil Mass, Wednesday, May 25, at 6:30 PM**

**Feast Day Masses, Thurs., May 26, at 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM**

The Feast of the Ascension of Jesus Christ is celebrated each year on the fortieth day after the Feast of Pascha (Easter). Since the date of Pascha changes each year, the date of the Feast of the Ascension also changes. The Feast is always celebrated on a Thursday, and marks an event of such importance that it is a Holy Day of Obligation. This means that Catholics attend Mass this day as on a Sunday. The Feast itself commemorates when, on the fortieth day after His Resurrection, Jesus led His disciples to the Mount of Olives, and after blessing them and asking them to wait for the fulfillment of the promise of the Holy Spirit, He ascended into heaven. Where He has gone, we hope one day to follow.



## REGISTER FOR FALL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION BY JUNE 17, 2022 ~

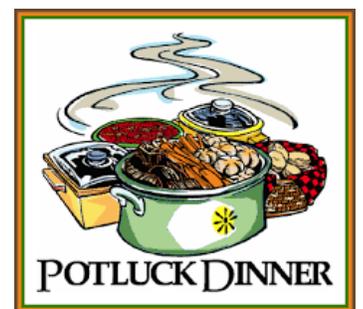
The deadline to register your child / children for Religious Education Classes in Fall of 2022 is Friday, June 17, 2022. Class time choices are on a first come first served basis. Be sure to get your preferred time and day by registering on time.

The Registration Form is now available on the St. Mary's Website: [stmarysholliston.com](http://stmarysholliston.com), under Register / Parish Forms on the main page. Forms should be accompanied by full payment made out to St. Mary's Parish. Scholarships or payment plans are available.

Open to families with children entering Pre-K through Grade 10. Registrations have been mailed to current students. If you are new to Holliston and want to register your children please contact us at 508-429-6076 or at [st.marysre1870@gmail.com](mailto:st.marysre1870@gmail.com). Welcome!

## **TONIGHT** - 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!



**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. Join us for the 7:30 PM Vigil Mass, followed by dinner afterwards. Please email Theresa to confirm your attendance!

**EPIC HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP IMPORTANT UPDATE:** Last 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](mailto:stmarysYM1870@gmail.com) or follow stmarysepic on Instagram!

**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 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!



## 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/>

**OUR SUNDAY FAMILY MEAL:** At the request of Cardinal Seán, the closing of the Year of the Eucharist comprises four parts: 1) Jesus is Here for Youth and Young Adults on Friday, June 17 at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross; 2) Jesus is Here, Archdiocese of Boston's Eucharistic Congress, on Saturday, June 18 at the Tsongas arena in Lowell, MA; 3) Celebration of the Sunday Eucharist for the Feast of Corpus Christi on June 19 in your parish; and 4) Our Sunday Family Meal prayer service in your homes—having been nourished by the Eucharist at Mass, families are then encouraged to come together to share a meal and celebrate the gift of faith in Jesus we share in our family. We invite your family to participate in Our Sunday Family Meal Prayer at [www.evangelizeboston.com/our-sunday-family-meal](http://www.evangelizeboston.com/our-sunday-family-meal). It comes complete with activities for children of all ages and is available in 4 languages.

**BIRTHRIGHT OF FRAMINGHAM:** The Birthright Center offers 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. 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. Also, donations can be made by check and mailed to Birthright of Framingham, 79A Main St., Framingham 01702. Thank you!

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:** Please join us at 10 AM this Friday, May 20, at the Fatima Shrine, 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 walk in faith and prayerful action!

**THE ROSE FOR LIFE:** Is sponsored this week by John and Joan Cocchiarella. Please join them in prayer for an unborn child.

**WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS:** *"We become what we love and who we love shapes what we become. If we love things, we become a thing. If we love nothing, we become nothing. Imitation is not a literal mimicking of Christ, rather it means becoming the image of the beloved, an image disclosed through transformation. This means we are to become vessels of God's compassionate love for others."* - St. Clare of Assisi

**CLOW- CHILDREN K-6: CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:** Today, Sunday, May 15 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 15	GR-6 at 4:00 PM	
Mon., May 16	GR-6 at 4:00 PM	
Tues., May 17	No Classes	
Wed., May 18	No Classes	
Thur., May 19	No Classes	
Sun., May 22	GR-6 at 4:00 PM	

**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 x223 or email [stmarysym1870@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:st.marysdre1870@gmail.com).



**FIRST COMMUNION REHEARSALS:**  
For the Children scheduled for the 10:30 AM First Communion Mass on Saturday, June 11~ **Rehearsal is Thursday, June 9 at 4:15 PM** in Fr. Haley Hall.

For the Children scheduled for the 10:30 AM Mass on Saturday, June 18 ~ **Rehearsal is Thursday, June 16 at 4:15 PM** in Fr. Haley Hall. **One parent MUST be present with their child at their scheduled rehearsal.**

**MISSED PARENT MEETING?** Attendance at the GR-2 First Communion Meetings were very low and it is important that parents attend the Sunday, May 22 at 8:30 AM or at 12:45 PM Meeting 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.

**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. **Registrations have been mailed via Post as well as Email. Friday, July 29 is a rain date.**

**CORI VOLUNTEER RENEWAL ALERT:** If you are 18 year + and plan to volunteer or chaperone in any summer events in VBS, MSYG, EPIC or Mission Trip with St. Mary's Youth, please be sure your **FY 2022 CORI is in order and on file**. If unsure, call or email Paula O'Brien to inquire. 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.*