

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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Religious Education Phone: (508) 429 - 6076

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. Naja Whalen, Sacristan
 Mr. Billy Hanson, Parish Facilities
 R & R Landscaping, Cemetery Care

PARISH OFFERTORY LAST WEEKEND:

Automatic Giving:	\$ 3,430.00
WeShare:	\$ 2,911.00
Offertory Envelopes dropped off / mailed in	\$ 3,556.00
Total Offertory:	\$ 9,897.00

Shortfall - \$ 5,103.00

Thank you 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 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, \$40 for a family. 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.

TODAY'S BULLETIN COVER: *"The angel took me in spirit to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. It gleamed with the splendor of God. Its radiance was like that of a precious stone, like jasper, clear as crystal."* Rev. 21:10-11, from today's second Mass Reading.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday	May 21
5:00	Jimmy Porcello
7:30	John and Helen Shannahan
Sunday	May 22
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Walter "Wally" Winchenbach
11:30	Wanda Zeglarska
Monday	May 23
9:00	Mary McKinnon
Tuesday	May 24
9:00	Holy Souls
Wednesday	May 25
9:00	Maurice Curran
6:30	Ascension Vigil Mass
Thursday	May 26
9:00	Ascension Holy Day Mass
7:00	Ascension Holy Day Mass
Friday	May 27
9:00	Tom Carey
Saturday	May 28
5:00	Robert "Timothy" Milligan
7:30	Margaret Bowles
Sunday	May 29
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Ann P. McDermott
11:30	Patricia McDonald

**FEAST OF THE ASCENSION ~ A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

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.

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

**Ascension Feast Day Masses, Thursday,
May 26, at 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM**



From the Pastor's Desk

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

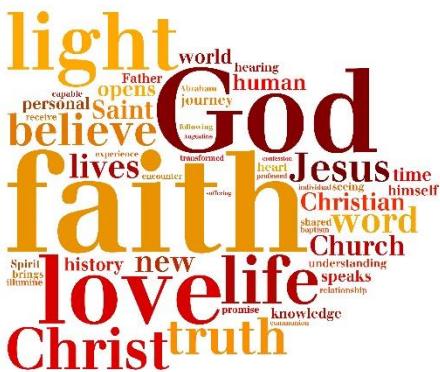
This coming Thursday we celebrate one of the great Holy Days of our faith – the Feast of the Ascension. To us it is a day of triumph, Christ returning to His Father in heaven to “*prepare a place for us*” according to His promise. To the disciples who were actually there, however, the Ascension also represented a profound loss. They had already been through Jesus’ death, and now that He had returned to them in the Resurrection it seemed that He was going to leave them all over again. Knowing this, Jesus makes them one of the most beautiful vows in all of sacred scripture. He says to the disciples in today’s gospel, “*I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you.*”

This promise is fulfilled already each time Jesus descends among us in the Holy Eucharist. The altar around which we gather is the doorway through which Jesus steps to be with us, to strengthen us, and to touch us with His peace. Jesus’ Eucharistic return is a foretaste of His final return – the day He will come to establish forever His Kingdom on the earth. It is the hope of this return that helps all those who love Jesus to keep following Him, even in difficult times. For those who keep faith with the Savior, the Last Judgment is not a source of fear but of the greatest hope. As Pope Benedict points out in his encyclical Spe Salvi, the return of Christ will mean “*an undoing of past suffering, a reparation that sets things right.*” We do our best, in imitation of Jesus, to establish justice on the earth. But we take consolation in knowing that in the end, Christ will bring the Kingdom with Him.

In the meantime, we are never alone. An orphan is a person without family, but Jesus has said that we are not left orphans. We have His Living Body the Church, our family of faith to support us in discipleship along the way. For this reason the greatest gift any person can give another is to witness Christian love to them in a manner that makes them want to join the family of God’s children. Conversely, the greatest harm one person can do to another is to act or speak in ways that cause a separation from the Church. It is not by accident that the early Fathers of the Church when describing Jesus’ Ascension into heaven always pictured Him at the head of a vast throng – a parade of souls. “*Whoever loves me will keep my word,*” says Jesus in today’s Gospel. And His word includes a duty to bring others into the communion of His love.

God bless you.

Rev. Mark J. Coiro



REGISTER FOR FALL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION BY JUNE 17:

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, 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. Welcome!

MAY 22 ~ SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: In our first reading, we hear more about the growing pains of the early Church. The Apostles were creating something new ~ a community of believers, disciples of Jesus Christ. There was confusion and discussion about who could be a disciple and differing opinions about what was essential to being a follower of Jesus. We hear those same discussions even today. However, the first Christians did not let differences stand in their way or create divisions among them. They relied on the Spirit's prompting and on Jesus' words "Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." The message today is rely on the Holy Spirit – the Advocate – who is still with us.

THURSDAY HOLY HOURS: Because of the Ascension Holy Day this Thursday, the next weekly Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction will be Thursday, June 2 from 7 - 8 PM. The Thursday Holy Hours are part of St. Mary's observance of the "Year of the Eucharist," concluding on Corpus Christi Sunday, June 19, 2022.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some are during the week. Couples will explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call Joe and Ginny Vatelle at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>. Jesus prays to his Father, "and they know that you sent me." Make the journey with your spouse. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences: June 24-26 in Huntington, NY (Long Island).



WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS: *"When a man loves a woman, he has to become worthy of her. The higher her virtue, the more noble her character, the more devoted she is to truth, justice, goodness, the more a man has to aspire to be worthy of her. The history of civilization could actually be written in terms of the level of its women."*

- Venerable Fulton Sheen



IS YOUR MARRIAGE TEARING YOU APART? The Retrouvaille Program is for married couples facing difficult challenges in their relationship. It is primarily a practical program to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. Learn more at: <https://helpourmarriage.org/>.

THE ROSE FOR LIFE: Is sponsored this week by Jim and Pat Koval. Please join them in prayer for an unborn child. To sponsor the Rose for Life for 2022/2023 please call the Rectory at 429-4427.

PANTRY SHELF HELP: Regular coffee, applesauce, peanut butter, jelly, sugar, ketchup, mayonnaise, Chunky Soup, cookies, canned turkey/chicken, canned fruits, pasta sauce, canned tomatoes, toilet paper and cake and brownie mixes. Donations may be dropped off in the blue bin by the main parking lot entrance.

PROJECT RACHEL POST-ABORTION HEALING RETREATS: *"My spirit was broken and as far as I knew beyond repair. I was consumed with feelings of remorse. During the retreat, I realized the lasting impact of forgiveness. I knew God had forgiven me, and now I needed to forgive myself."* – A Project Rachel Retreat Attendee. The Project Rachel ministry of the Archdiocese of Boston extends a special invitation to women suffering from the pain of a past abortion to attend a Come to the Waters of Healing one-day retreat. Retreats will take place on June 4. Locations are confidential. Limited to ten participants per retreat. For more information, contact Project Rachel at 508.651.3100 or help@projectrachelboston.com.

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!

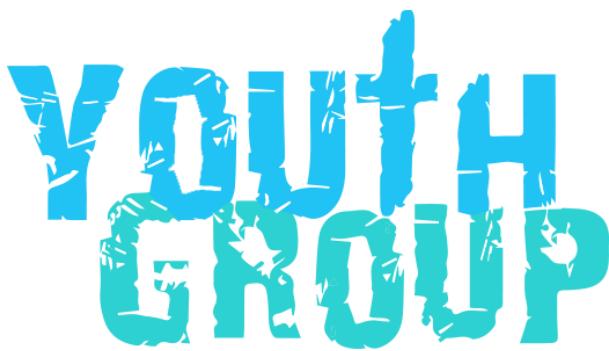


JESUS IS HERE – EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS, TSONGAS CENTER AT UMASS LOWELL, SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 2022, 8:30 AM TO 6:00 PM.

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. It comes complete with activities for children of all ages and is available in 4 languages.



ST. MARY'S MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP: Our next trip is Friday, June 17 – the Annual Scavenger Hunt. Departure from the Parish Center is at 6:00 PM, and return is at 9 PM for pizza and point counting, the event finishes at 10 PM.

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 – Final Payment is due this weekend! Please be sure to check in with Theresa with any questions!

EPIC HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP IMPORTANT UPDATE: LAST MEETING OF THE YEAR! Tonight, May 22, from 7:15-8:45 PM. Come join us for our end of year BBQ, with games, friends, 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! For more updates and info, reach out to Theresa Virzi at stmarysYM1870@gmail.com or follow stmarysepic on Instagram!

CLOW- CHILDREN K-6: CHILDREN'S

LITURGY OF THE WORD: Today, Sunday, May 22 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 22	GR-6 at 4:00 PM	
Mon., May 23	GR-6 at 4:00 PM	

TODAY! GRADE 2 PARENT MEETINGS: For parents who were unable to attend the previous meetings, please join us today, Sunday, May 22 at 8:30 AM or at 12:45 PM following the 11:30 AM Mass. The meetings will be held in Fr. Haley Hall.

**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.**

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*. Please respond to the notices that will be sent out by email to schedule your child's appointment. For questions contact Fran Crespi at: st.marysdre1870@gmail.com.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION ~

NEEDED INFORMATION: Two Confirmation Masses are 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 by email within the next few weeks to gather information regarding their Confirmation Sponsors, Mass selections, Certificate Mass selections, interview appointments, and other required information. Theresa may be contacted with any questions at 508-429-6076 x223 or by email at stmarysym1870@gmail.com.

**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 starting with 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 their children and youth forming a life-long relationship with God through Jesus Christ. 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 were sent out by mail as well as email. Friday, July 29 is a rain date.**

CORI VOLUNTEER RENEWAL ALERT: If you are 18 years of age or older and plan to volunteer or chaperone in any of our summer events in VBS, MSYG, EPIC or the Mission Trip with St. Mary's Youth, please be sure your **FY 2022 CORI is in order and on file**. If unsure, please call or email Paula O'Brien to inquire. Volunteer renewals may be submitted with a copy of a driver's license, along with a signed and completed CORI form, then sent directly by email to: st.marysRE1870@gmail.com for processing. **New** volunteers must have information verified in person by any staff member. **Please note: If you have submitted the FY2022 form, then another form is not required.**