



THE LORD IS NEAR TO THE BROKENHEARTED

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We unite in prayer with the
community in Uvalde, Texas.



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

8 Church St., Holliston, MA 01746

Website: www.stmarysholliston.com

Email Address: St.marys1870@gmail.com

Rectory Phone: (508) 429 - 4427

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!



Saint Mary's Parish

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May 29, 2022
7th Sunday of Easter

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

This weekend we honor the men and women who have laid down their lives in defense of our nation's freedom; as well as those now serving in our military. No matter our feelings about any particular military conflict, we can all agree that we owe a debt of gratitude to those who put the preservation of these United States before their own safety. As Jesus Himself said, *"There is no greater love than this, to lay down one's life for a friend."* We therefore invoke this Memorial Day God's blessings on all our nation's veterans. For those who have died, we ask God's mercy and peace. For those present among us, we ask His strength and constant support. For those servicemen and women currently under arms, we ask His strong protection. May God protect them even as they protect us. And may their efforts lead to a lasting, and just peace in the world.

Peace seems very far away given the ongoing war of aggression against Ukraine, and the horrific school shooting in Uvalde, Texas this past Tuesday. Just last weekend we read prayerfully at all Masses the names and ages of the ten Buffalo, New York Supermarket shooting victims. It seems an unreal nightmare that now nineteen innocent children and two teachers have also been murdered. Honestly, I don't think many of our lectors could get through reading their names and ages, so I am instead listing them below. We pray for their repose in the arms of God. We pray for consolation for their families. And we must pray and work for a nation where every single life is held sacred and inviolate, from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death.

May Our Blessed Mother Mary, who experienced the violent death of her innocent Son but did not lose faith, intercede and pray for the families and friends of these little ones and their teachers.

Rev. Mark J. Coiro
Pastor

Alexandria Rubio, age 10

Alithia Ramirez, age 10

Amerie Jo Garza, age 10

Annabell Rodriguez, age 10

Eliahana Cruz Torres, age 10

Eliana "Ellie" Garcia, age 9

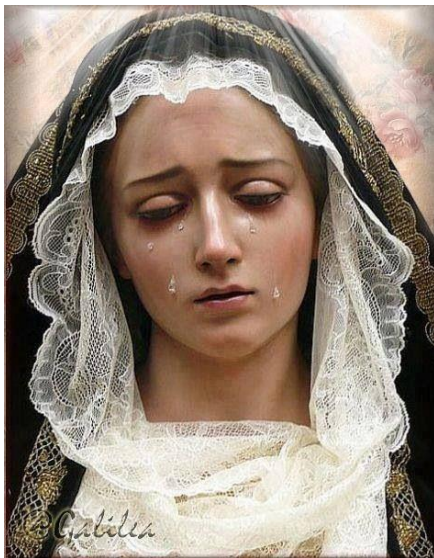
Eva Mireles, age 44

Irma Garcia, age 46

Jackie Cazares, age 10

Jailah Nicole Silguero, age 10

Jayce Luevanos, age 10



Jose Flores, age 10

Layla Salazar, age 10

Makenna Lee Elrod, age 10

Maite Rodriguez, age 10

Miranda Mathis, age 11

Nevaeh Bravo, age 10

Rojelio Torres, age 10

Tess Marie Mata, age 10

Uziah Garcia, age 10

Xavier Lopez, age 10

This weekend, the City Seal of Uvalde, Texas has been placed in front of St. Mary's Easter Candle. Twenty-one white carnations, one in memory of each of the slain, have also been placed lovingly there.

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

SECOND COLLECTION FOR SEMINARIES

NEXT WEEKEND: Supports the formation and training of seminarians in the Archdiocese of Boston for service, we pray, as future priests. We are blessed that many are responding to the call to serve as priests. Please be generous and support these seminarians on their journey toward their ordination to the priesthood. For more information, please visit www.VocationsBoston.org.

PARISH OFFERTORY LAST WEEKEND:

Automatic Giving: \$ 2,471.50
 WeShare: \$ 3,331.00
 Offertory Envelopes
 dropped off / mailed in \$ 8,530.00
 Total Offertory: \$ 14,332.50

Shortfall - \$ 667.50

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 THIS 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:

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	Patrick McDonald
Monday	May 30
9:00	Our Nation's Veterans
Tuesday	May 31
9:00	Eugenia Moraski
Wednesday	June 1
9:00	Paul T. Shea
Thursday	June 2
9:00	Maurice Curran
Friday	June 3
9:00	Fr. Issa & the People of our Sister Parish, Our Lady of Fatima, Beit Sahour
Saturday	June 4
5:00	Marion Kampersal
7:30	Deceased Members of the Dumas and DeRosa Families
Sunday	June 5
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Kerrie Dunn
11:30	Marie Loscocco

MEMORIAL DAY, MONDAY,

MAY 30: Mass at St. Mary's Church at 9:00 AM. Prayers and military honors at St. Mary's Cemetery at 10:00 AM.

**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!



ST. MARY'S MARRIAGE FELLOWSHIP: Is a ministry that seeks to foster strong marriages and families through fellowship, prayer, and service. You are welcome to join us no matter how many years you have been married! If you'd like to stay up to date on our activities, email stmarysmarriagefellowship@gmail.com to be added to our email list.

Our next Marriage Fellowship meeting will be on **Friday, June 10**. We will discuss chapters 4-7 of Discernment of Spirits in Marriage by Fr. Timothy Gallagher. We will meet from **6:30-8 PM in the Parish Library**. Childcare will be provided. If you would like to attend and have a teen who can help with babysitting, please let us know. Save the date:

this summer the Marriage Fellowship will meet for a Family Fun Day at Lake Winthrop (Stoddard Park) on Saturday, July 16. We will picnic, swim, and pray a family rosary together. Details to come!

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 Vattelle at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://www.mema.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).

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.**

Learn More at:

<https://www.evangelizeboston.com/eucharistic-congress/>



TICKETS:
Before March 31, 2022: \$39
After April 1, 2022: \$49

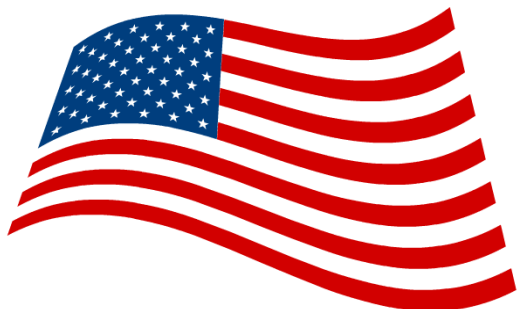
*Boxed lunch available at extra cost



For more information, visit
[JesusIsHereBoston.org](https://www.JesusIsHereBoston.org)

ALSO FEATURING





WHY WE CELEBRATE MEMORIAL DAY:

What we remember - and honor - on Memorial Day is heroic sacrifice. We acknowledge those who nobly gave of themselves, even unto death, for a purpose they believed was greater than themselves. Since the days just following the end of the Civil War, Americans have gathered in late May to honor those who died in military service to their country. In the spirit of the day, we can also recall, honor, and pray for all those we know who have lived lives of service and sacrifice for the good of others.

One definition of sacrifice is “the destruction or surrender of something for the sake of something else.” Though suffering is always a part of sacrifice to some extent, seeking suffering for its own sake is not sacrifice. Sacrifice implies giving up one good for a higher good. For example, a child gives up a day of play to visit an ailing grandparent, or a parent sacrifices watching a favorite television program to help a child who is struggling with homework. Life in the family is full of opportunities for service and sacrifice.

What counts in this definition is the phrase “for the sake of something else.” Is that “something else” worthy of the sacrifice we make? True sacrifice is always at the service of life. We learn this from Jesus, who made the ultimate sacrifice and remained faithful through his Passion, death, and Resurrection. Jesus’ greater purpose for this sacrifice was our well-being—that we might have life and have it abundantly.

This Memorial Day, as we remember all who have served and sacrificed on our behalf, let us not forget what Jesus was willing to give up for us—and the lessons we can learn from that perfect example of sacrifice. - Tom McGrath

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. Have fun!

HS MISSISSIPPI MISSION TRIP: The countdown to Mississippi Begins! Less than a month away from this summer’s Mission Trip! Mission Team (Students & Chaperones) please keep an eye on your emails for important information in this upcoming month. Our next Mission Social Night will take place on Thursday, June 2 due to HHS graduation taking place on June 5. This is an important night to get to know each other and get some questions answered. Any questions or concerns, please reach out to Theresa! St. Mary’s Family please continue to pray for these teens and chaperones during their time preparing for Mission.

EPIC HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP IMPORTANT UPDATE: That is a wrap for this year, High School Youth Group! What a blessing it has been. This last meeting was full of laughs, BBQ, and brainstorming for next year’s Youth Group. EPIC Seniors, we will miss you, and we are so proud of all your hard work! We are already beginning to plan for next year, and are still seeking anyone who is interested in becoming a Teen Leader. What is a Teen Leader? Reach out to Theresa for more information! As always, Theresa is available by email at stmarysYM1870@gmail.com, and don’t forget to follow along at stmarysepica on Instagram!

THURSDAY HOLY HOURS: The next weekly Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction will be Thursday, June 2, from 7 - 8 PM. The intention is for all those impacted by the Uvalde, Texas School shooting. 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.

THE ROSE FOR LIFE: Is sponsored this week by the Kampersal Family. 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.



CLOW- CHILDREN K-6: CHILDREN'S

LITURGY OF THE WORD: Is on hiatus until September! May the Gospel remain on your mind, on your lips and in your heart. ♥

RELIGIOUS EDUCATIONS REGISTRATIONS ARE DUE BY FRIDAY, JUNE 17: Please help us achieve a smooth transition in September and return your registration forms TODAY. *A late fee of \$50 is incurred after June 17.*

PRE-K, KINDERGARTEN AND GRADE 1: Do you have a child entering these grades or are new to Holliston and want to register your children for Religious Education? Just call the R.E. Office at 508-429-6076 and ask for a registration form or go to "Parish Forms" on our website to download m <https://stmarysholliston.com/religious-education/religious-education-registration/>



FAMILY BASED 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 via email to schedule your child's appointment. For questions contact Fran Crespi at: st.marysre1870@gmail.com.

CLASSES BEGIN SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 18, 2022.

GRADES	SESSION	COMMITMENT
PRE-K & Kind.	Sun., 9:15-10:30 AM Sun., 9:15-10:30 AM	PRE-K for 6 classes Kind. For 8 classes
GR-1A	Sun., 8:10 to 9:20 AM	12 classes /Alt. wks.
GR-2A/3A	Sun., 8:10 to 9:20 AM or 10:45 AM to 12:00 Noon	14 classes /Alt. wks.
GR-4A/5A	Sun., 10:45AM-12:15 PM	14 classes/Alt. wks.
GR-6A	Sun., 4:00 to 5:30 PM	14 classes /Alt wks.
GR-7A	Sun., 4:30 to 6:00 PM	14 classes/Alt. wks.
GR-8B	Mon., 6 to -7:30 PM	14 classes/Alt. wks.
GR-3C/6C	Tues., 4:00 to 5:30 PM	14 classes/Alt. wks.
GR-4C	Tues., 4:00 to 5:30 PM	14 classes/Alt. wks.
GR-5C	Tues., 4:00 to 5:30 PM	14 classes/Alt. wks.
GR-8C	Tues., 6:00 to 7:30 PM	14 classes/Alt. wks.
GR-2D	Wed., 4:15 to 5:30 PM	14 classes/Alt. wks.
GR-7D	Wed., 6:00 to 7:30 PM	14 classes/Alt. wks.
GR-9A/10A	Sunday, 11:30 AM Mass then 12:30 PM snack and class to 2:30 PM.	8 sessions - Once a month for each grade level.



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.*

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION ~

REQUIRED 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 to gather information regarding their Confirmation Sponsors, Mass selections, Certificate Mass selections, interview appointments, and other required information. Theresa may be contacted with any concerns or questions at 508-429-6076 x223 or by email at stmarysym1870@gmail.com.

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.*

TEACHERS AND MONITORS FOR 2022-2023:

Please prayerfully consider teaching a class or volunteering as a Monitor before school ends in June. Contact: us at 508-429-6076 or by email at st.marysre1870@gmail.com. See the chart of scheduled classes to the left for your consideration.