Corpus Christi Sunday

Jesus, Body and Blood, we are grateful for the gift of your life and the way it strengthens us to live ours. Teach us to draw on the gift of your Body and Blood for energy, renewal, strength and grace. May we never take the gift of your presence for granted. Amen.



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: First Fridays, following Mass from 9:30-10:30 AM.

St. Mary's Parish

Our Mission: "To know Christ and to make Him known."

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!

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 THIS WEEKEND:

This week's second collection 'Promoting the Gospel,' supports the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) and the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Through the work of CCHD and CCC the Gospel is promoted by supporting those in poverty, providing grants to community based groups and using the entire array of media tools available today to evangelize and promote Gospel values. For more information please visit <u>www.usccb.org/cchd</u> or <u>www.usccb.org/catholicgiving/opportunities-forgiving/catholiccommunication-campaign/index.cfm</u>.

PARISH OFFERTORY LAST WEEKEND:

Automatic Giving:	\$ 2,360.00
WeShare:	\$ 2,911.00
Offertory Envelopes	
dropped off / mailed in	\$ 6,525.00
Total Offertory:	\$ 11,796.00
Weekly Need:	\$ 15,000.00

Shortfall - \$ 3,204.00

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

NEED A BREAK? TRY A 3-MINUTE RETREAT:

You can get a "3-Minute Retreat" sent right to your email mailbox each day by visiting https://www.loyolapress.com/3-minute-retreats-dailyonline-prayer/. Three minutes a day can give you 24 hours of peace. This website has a wealth of information for all ages. Try it! (Be sure to click "continue" when ready to proceed.)

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday 5:00	June 18 Vincent Mullen
7:30	George J. Power, Jr.
Sunday	June 19
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Bob and Mary Stack
11:30	Maryellen Miller
Monday	June 20
9:00	Rev. Garrett J. Barry
Tuesday	June 21
9:00	Nicholas Tedesco
Wednesday	June 22
9:00	Josephine Leonardo
Thursday	June 23
9:00	Rev. A. James Bertelli
Friday	June 24
9:00	Maurice F. Curran
Saturday	June 25
5:00	Dominic Magrini, 5 th Anv.
7:30	Charlie and Rose Dahlgren
Sunday	June 26
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Catherine McDermott
11:30	Patrick McDonald

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.

THE ROSE FOR LIFE: Is sponsored this week by John and Joan Cocchiarella. 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.

RECTORY OFFICE SUMMER HOURS: Please note that during the summer months of June, July and August the Rectory Office is closed on Mondays and Tuesdays. On other weekdays it remains open the usual 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM hours. Mass Cards may also be obtained at the Religious Education Office. Have a safe and faith filled summer!

TRAVELING? Check out <u>www.masstimes.org</u> to find out the name, location and Mass schedule of the nearest Catholic Church anywhere in America. God never takes a vacation from us, nor do we from God.



Saint Mary's Parish

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June 19, 2022 Solemnity of Corpus Christi

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

Congratulations to the twenty-two more children who made their First Holy Communions yesterday. We rejoice to welcome you to the Table of the Lord! Today we celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi - the Feast of the Body & Blood of Christ. Today we thank God for the great gift of the Eucharist, the means by which Jesus becomes truly present among us each and every time we celebrate the Holy Mass. Our belief in the bread made the Body and the wine made the Blood is beautifully reflected in our practices concerning Holy Communion:

BEFORE COMMUNION: By fasting for one hour before Mass (consuming only water or medicine) we demonstrate our belief in Jesus' true presence in the Eucharist by setting aside earthly food in preparation to receive the very bread come down from heaven.

AT COMMUNION: By saying "The Body of Christ" when we approach for Communion, the priest or minister is asking us to profess our faith in the true presence of Christ in the Eucharist. We do so in word by answering, "Amen" - a Latin word meaning "verily", or "it is so."

AFTER RECEIVING COMMUNION: Actions speak louder than words, so after saying "Amen" we then demonstrate our belief that it is really Jesus we have received by returning to our pew to spend time with Him in silent or sung prayer to "commune" with the Lord. This precious time spent praying after receiving Communion is the closest we shall ever come to Jesus in this life before we meet Him face to face in the life to come. St. Francis de Sales advised the following: "When you have received Him, stir up your heart to do Him homage; speak to Him about your spiritual life, gazing upon Him in your soul where He is present for your happiness; and welcome Him as warmly as possible."

Some Catholic parishes have experienced the problem of people walking right out the door after receiving Holy Communion. Today's Feast provides a good opportunity to consider why such an act is inconsistent with our belief in the Holy Eucharist. With the obvious exceptions of illness or other emergency, walking out the door after receiving Communion should be avoided for the following reasons. First, it steals from the communicant the chance to pray with the One they have just received; depriving them also of the grace that prayer would bring. At the very moment the communicant's thoughts should be turned heavenward, those thoughts instead turn toward worldly matters, i.e. driving, where they are going next, talking to other people instead of to God, etc.

Walking out the door after receiving Communion also fractures the worshipping community at the very part of the Mass that it is meant to be most perfectly united by the Eucharist and prayer. Such an act denies the "Amen" just spoken; for if one truly believes they have just received Jesus, would they not then want to spend time with Him in prayer? The Eucharist is Someone – not something. It is a Person to be spoken to in immediate prayer, not a spiritual pill that once consumed will do its work regardless of whether or not we pay it any further attention. The Mass itself is named after the "Missa" - the prayer of sending forth at the very end of Mass ("The Mass is ended, go in peace.") In a very real sense, anyone who departs the church building before the "Missa" can be said to have missed the Mass. Certainly they have missed the meaning of the Mass, and stolen from themselves the most valuable time of prayer afforded us therein.

AFTER MASS: After the Mass is over, we demonstrate our belief in the True Presence of Christ in the Eucharist most importantly of all by the way we live our lives. Everyone we meet between one Sunday and the next should be able to experience the Eucharist – Christ now within us – by our love, by our compassion and by our willingness to forgive others even as we have been forgiven in Christ Jesus.

In His Service and Yours,

Rev. Mark J. Coiro Pastor



St. Mary's Congratulates This Weekend's First Communicants and Rejoices to Welcome Them To the Table of the Lord!



Conor George Arsenault Margaret Grace Beard Connor Patrick Bernier Angelina Rose DeCenzo Connoni Olivia Cristina Dias Cooper Michael Garran Mia Teresa Intinarelli Kesia Catherine Kipp Eleanor Anne Loscocco Cora Grace Mazaik Anna Moira McDaniel Caroline Ann McMahan Josiah Rafael Meek-Mnich William Dator Miles Charlie Jackson Negri Peter Leon Nunes Ali Wurtz Peabody Logan Jeffrey Peterson Theodore Ronald David Schroder Michael Finn Sullivan Brady Robert Thomas Sam Thomas Wagner

HOLY COMMUNION PRAYER: We thank you, our Father, for that life which You have made known to us by Jesus Your Son, by Whom You made all things, and take care of the whole world. You sent Him to become man for our salvation. You allowed Him to suffer and to die. You raised Him up, glorified Him, and have set Him at Your right hand, and in Him you have promised us the resurrection of the dead.

O Lord Almighty, eternal God, gather together Your Church from the ends of the earth into Your kingdom, as grain was once scattered, and now has become one loaf. Our Father, we also thank You for the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ, which was shed for us, and for His Precious Body, as He Himself appointed us, "to proclaim His death." For through Him glory is to be given to You forever. Amen.

HS MISSISSIPPI MISSION TRIP: The countdown to Mississippi Begins! Just a week to departure for this summer's Mission Trip! Mission Team (Students & Chaperones), please mark your calendars for Saturday, June 25 at 5:00 PM for the Mission Commissioning Mass. This Mass is the night before we head off to Mississippi! As always, 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. Thank you!*

EPIC HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP: Thank you to all who have helped out with this year's High School Youth Group! Have any suggestions or ideas for youth group next year? *Now is the time we want to hear from YOU!* We are already beginning to plan for next year, and are still seeking anyone who is interested in becoming a Teen Leader for youth group next year. (Must be a rising sophomore or older) *What is a Teen Leader?* Reach out to Theresa for more information! As always, Theresa is available by email at <u>stmarysYM1870@gmail.com</u>, and don't forget to follow along at stmarysepic on Instagram!



ST. MARY'S MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP SUMMER EVENTS:

Next Sunday, June 26 – Whitewater Rafting, Maine: Be here at 6:30 AM, Depart Parish Center at 6:45 AM, return Monday, June 27, around 9-10 PM. <u>Please carefully observe the "To Bring" list that you were emailed this week.</u> Have fun!

Also, Brownstone Quarry Park, CT: Friday, August 5 Deerfield Rafting: Friday, August 19



CONCLUDING LIVESTREAM MASS IS TODAY:

Today, June 19, is the Feast of Corpus Christi – the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. This will be the final day of livestreaming our 11:30 AM Sunday Mass, a practice that began during the pandemic shutdown in 2020 when parishioners could no longer attend Mass and receive Communion in person. The Sunday Mass obligation for Catholics returned on June 20, 2021. However, St. Mary's kept the livestream going a full extra year for our sick, homebound, or quarantined parishioners. It goes without saying that as always, those who are sick or homebound are excused from the Sunday Mass obligation. For them the

Archdiocese provides many opportunities for virtual Mass participation, <u>http://www.catholictv.org/masses</u>. But for the rest of us, it is time to take our place again in person at the Table of the Lord. Welcome home!

K of C COUNCIL #14224, 14th ANNUAL CHARITY RAFFLE: The Council is selling chances for our annual Charity Raffle. Your vital support has enabled the Council to donate over \$250,000 so far to charities including the Holliston Pantry Shelf, Veteran's organizations, Habitat for Humanity, Holliston Senior Center, and others. Please continue to support our raffle in our efforts to aid those needing food or aid. Tickets will again be \$5 each or a book of five tickets for \$20. Prizes range from \$100 to \$1,000. Raffle tickets can be purchased by contacting Tom Anguish: email: <u>stanguish@hotmail.com</u> or by contacting any Knight of Columbus member.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring a variety of inperson and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and weekdays. 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 & Ginny Vatelle at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <u>https://wwmema.org/</u>. Don't look at the past, it's gone. Look forward with an open heart and mind to the future with your spouse - share an experience with each other. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences.

UKRAINE DONATIONS: St. Mary's donations to help victims of the war in Ukraine now total \$7,033. God bless you and let us keep praying for peace.





POPE FRANCIS ON FATHERHOOD:

Every family needs a father. Today we shall reflect on the value of his role, and I would like to begin with a few expressions that we find in the Book of Proverbs, words that a father addresses to his own son, and it reads like this: "My son, if your heart is wise, my heart too will be glad. My soul will rejoice when your lips speak what is right" (Pr 23:15-16).

Nothing could better express the pride and emotion a father feels when he understands that he has handed down to his child what really matters in life, that is, a wise heart. This father does not say: "I am proud of

you because you are the same as me, because you repeat the things I say and do". No, he does not say anything so simple to him. He says something much more important, which we can understand in this way: "I will be happy every time I see you act with wisdom, and I will be moved every time that I hear you speak with rectitude. This is what I wanted to leave to you, that this one thing become yours: the attitude to feel and act, to speak and judge with wisdom and rectitude. And that you might be like this, I taught you the things you didn't know, I corrected the errors you didn't see. I made you feel a profound and at the same time discrete affection, which maybe you did not fully recognize when you were young and unsure. I gave you a testimony of rigour and steadfastness that perhaps you didn't understand, when you would have liked only complicity and protection. I had first to test myself in the wisdom of my heart, be vigilant of my excesses of sentiment and resentment, in order to carry the weight of the inevitable misunderstandings, to find the right words to make myself understood."

Now, continues the father, "I see that you strive to be this way with your own children, and with everyone, and it moves me. I am happy to be your father". This is what a wise father, a mature father, says. A father knows all too well what it costs to hand down this heritage: how close, how gentle and how firm to be. But what consolation and what recompense he receives when the children honour this legacy! It is a joy that rewards all the toil, that overcomes every misunderstanding and heals every wound.

The first need, then, is precisely this: that a father be present in the family. That he be close to his wife, to share everything, joy and sorrow, hope and hardship. And that he be close to his children as they grow: when they play and when they strive, when they are carefree and when they are distressed, when they are talkative and when they are silent, when they are daring and when they are afraid, when they take a wrong step and when they find their path again; a father who is always present. To say "present" is not to say "controlling"! Fathers who are too controlling cancel out their children, they don't let them develop.

The Gospel speaks to us about the exemplarity of the Father who is in Heaven — who alone, Jesus says, can be truly called the "good Father" (cf. Mk 10:18). Everyone knows that extraordinary parable of the "prodigal son", or better yet of the "merciful father", which we find in the Gospel of Luke in chapter 15 (cf. 15:11-32). What dignity and what tenderness there is in the expectation of that father, who stands at the door of the house waiting for his son to return! Fathers must be patient. Often there is nothing else to do but wait; pray and wait with patience, gentleness, magnanimity and mercy.

A good father knows how to wait and knows how to forgive from the depths of his heart. Certainly, he also knows how to correct with firmness: he is not a weak father, submissive and sentimental. The father who knows how to correct without humiliating is the one who knows how to protect without sparing himself...

If, then, there is someone who can fully explain the prayer of the "Our Father", taught by Jesus, it is the one who lives out paternity in the first person. Without the grace that comes from the Father who is in Heaven, fathers lose courage, and abandon camp. But children need to find a father waiting for them when they come home after failing. They will do everything not to admit it, not to show it, but they need it; and not to find it



opens wounds in them that are difficult to heal.

The Church, our mother, is committed to supporting with all her strength the good and generous presence of fathers in families, for they are the irreplaceable guardians and mediators of faith in goodness, of faith in justice and in God's protection, like St Joseph.

- Pope Francis General Audience

REGISTRATIONS NOW PAST DUE FOR FALL 2022 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: The deadline to register children for Religious Education Classes in the Fall of 2022 was last Friday, June 17. Class time

choices are on a first come first served basis, and students are now being assigned classes. The Registration Forms are still available on the St. Mary's Website: https://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. If you are new to Holliston and want to register your children please contact us at <u>st.marysre1870@gmail.com</u>. Welcome!

"Monumental ~ Celebrating God's Greatness!" St. Mary's 15th Annual Vacation Bible School, July 25-29, 2022! Mark your calendars

and get excited for a Monumental adventure through the colorful canyons and sunbaked trails of the southwest. By exploring God's awesomeness, kids form a rock-solid faith for the road ahead. MONUMENTAL is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences that kids see, hear, touch and even taste! Teamwork-building games, cool Bible songs, tasty treats and creative crafts are some of the activities that help faith flow into real life. Each day kids meet new Bible Buddies to remind them of God's love; and create crafts to bring home the memories. High school teens and adults will be needed to help with the setup of Fr. Haley Hall for VBS on July 21 and 22 at 10:00 AM. We provide child care for children under age 5 whose parents are volunteering the entire week at VBS. Teen volunteers must be in Grade 7 or above. https://stmarysholliston.com/vacation-bible-school/. Contact Patty Baribeau at stmarysvbsholliston@gmail.com with any VBS questions/ interest, especially if you are interested in helping with planning this week of Fun, Faith and Friends!





RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW PAST DUE: Please help us achieve a smooth transition in September and return your

registration forms <u>TODAY</u>. 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 <u>https://stmarysholliston.com/religious-education/religious-education-registration/</u>

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*. **Grade respective days and times have been scheduled – See Below**. Please respond to the notices that were emailed. For questions contact Fran Crespi at <u>st.marysdre1870@gmail.com</u>.

GRADE 3: Monday, June 27 at 10 AM & 1 PM GRADE 4: Tuesday, June 28 at 10 AM GRADE 5: Tuesday, June 28 at 1 PM GRADE 6: Wednesday, June 29 at 10 AM

CLASSES BEGIN SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

SESSION	COMMITMENT
Sun., 9:15-10:30 AM	PRE-K for 6 classes
Sun., 9:15-10:30 AM	Kind. for 8 classes
Sun., 8:10-9:20 AM	12 classes/ 75 min.
Sun., 8:10-9:20 AM or	14 classes /75 min.
10:45 AM-12:00 Noon	
Sun.,10:45AM-12:15 PM	14 classes / 90 min.
Sun., 4:00-5:30 PM	14 classes / 90 min.
Sun., 4:30-6:00 PM	14 classes / 90 min.
Mon., 6:00-7:30 PM	14 classes / 90 min.
Tues., 4:00-5:30 PM	14 classes / 90 min.
Tues., 4:00-5:30 PM	14 classes / 90 min.
Tues., 4:00-5:30 PM	14 classes / 90 min.
Tues., 4:00-5:30 PM	14 classes / 90 min
Tues., 6:00-7:30 PM	14 classes / 90 min.
Wed., 4:15-5:30 PM	14 classes / 75 min.
Wed., 6:00-7:30 PM	14 classes / 90 min.
Sunday, 11:30 AM Mass,	8 sessions - Once a
then a 12:30 PM snack	month for each
followed with class from	grade level.
1:00 to 2:30 PM.	
	Sun., 9:15-10:30 AM Sun., 9:15-10:30 AM Sun., 8:10-9:20 AM Sun., 8:10-9:20 AM or 10:45 AM-12:00 Noon Sun., 10:45AM-12:15 PM Sun., 4:00-5:30 PM Sun., 4:30-6:00 PM Mon., 6:00-7:30 PM Tues., 4:00-5:30 PM Tues., 4:00-5:30 PM Tues., 4:00-5:30 PM Tues., 4:00-5:30 PM Suns, 6:00-7:30 PM Suns, 6:00-7:30 PM Suns, 4:15-5:30 PM Suns, 6:00-7:30 PM Wed., 4:15-5:30 PM Wed., 6:00-7:30 PM

HELP IS NEEDED FOR VBS SETUP - High school teens and adults will be needed to help with the setup of Fr. Haley Hall for VBS on July 21 and 22 at 10:00 AM. If you can help in any way, please contact: Patty Baribeau at <u>stmarysvbsholliston@gmail.com</u>.



NEEDED: ****GRADE COORDINATORS, CATECHISTS, GROUP LEADERS AND MONITORS FOR 2022-2023:** Many adults verbalize that they are worried about the faith of our young people. Why not convert your concerns to action and share the traditions and beliefs of the Catholic Faith by volunteering to teach and guide the young people of our Parish? We ask you to consider 1-1.5 hours to teach catechism or volunteer with our children in another capacity. The rewards are great! Please prayerfully consider teaching a class, leading a group or volunteering as a monitor. See the chart of scheduled classes to the left for your consideration. Contact us at <u>st.marysRE180@gmail.com</u> or 508-429-6076 to help.

****GRADE COORDINATORS ARE URGENTLY NEEDED FOR GRADES:** 4, 5, 7, 8 & 9.



CORI VOLUNTEER RENEWAL ALERT: If you are 18 + years of age and plan to volunteer or chaperone in any of our summer

events in VBS, MSYG, EPIC or the Mission Trip, please be sure your FY 2022 CORI is in order and on file. If unsure, please call or email Paula O'Brien at 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.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN (PGC)

WORKSHOP can be scheduled with the Boston Archdiocese at <u>www.virtusonline.org</u>. If you are 18+ years of age and volunteering for Religious Ed, VBS or the Mission Trip, etc., you must take a PGC workshop if not done already. Most meetings are 2.5 hours of time and certification is valid for a lifetime.