



Lord, You are my portion  
and my cup of blessing;  
You hold my future.  
The boundary lines  
have fallen for me  
in pleasant places;  
indeed, I have a  
beautiful inheritance.  
Psalm 16:5-6

## St. Mary's Parish

### 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.

### Our Mission:

*"To know Christ and to make Him known."*

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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

**SECOND COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND:**

Promoting the Gospel \$1,407.25. Thank you!

**PARISH OFFERTORY LAST WEEKEND:**

Automatic Giving: \$ 4,006.50  
 WeShare: \$ 3,461.00  
 Offertory Envelopes  
 dropped off / mailed in \$ 7,024.00  
**Total Offertory: \$ 14,491.50**  
**Weekly Need: \$ 15,000.00**

**Shortfall - \$ 508.50**

**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/>.

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>June 25</b>
5:00	Dominic Magrini, 5 <sup>th</sup> Anv.
7:30	Charlie and Rose Dahlgren
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>June 26</b>
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Catherine McDermott
11:30	Patrick McDonald
<b>Monday</b>	<b>June 27</b>
9:00	Holy Souls
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>June 28</b>
9:00	Rev. Stephen M. Boyle
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>June 29</b>
9:00	Joan Lanoue
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>June 30</b>
9:00	James Curran (Living)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>July 1</b>
9:00	Fr. Issa & the People of our Sister Parish, Our Lady of Fatima, Beit Sahour
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>July 2</b>
5:00	Vincent Mullen
7:30	Peggy Palmer
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>July 3</b>
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Catherine McDermott
11:30	Walburga Morreale

**THE ROSE FOR LIFE:** Is sponsored this week by the Koval 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.

## From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Members of the St. Mary's Parish Family: Today Jesus and His disciples are refused passage through a Samaritan town, and immediately the disciples want to "*call down fire from heaven to consume them.*" At first glance, this seems a simple case of vengeance, or biblical "road rage." The deeper problem, however, is the disciples' desire to use Jesus to further their own agenda. Jesus rejects their attempt and quickly reminds them that He is the Way, the One to Whom we are to conform our lives and aspirations. This is made clear when Jesus calls "*unfit for the Kingdom of God*" the young man who wants to go bid farewell to his family before following Jesus. To be a true follower of the Lord means setting aside all personal agendas, even noble ones, in favor of Jesus' priorities and mission.

True freedom comes from humble obedience to God. As St. Paul says, "*for freedom Christ set us free.*" (Gal 5:1) But to become truly free, we must strive to understand Christ's agenda and make it our own. We must recognize Him above all as the one person who can make of us an absolute claim. To reserve part of oneself or part of one's life from Jesus, is to deny Him the total love and commitment that He has given to us. Let us therefore carefully look for any ways that we are holding back from Jesus, any ways that we are making our Christian faith just another piece of the puzzle of our lives instead of the very framework into which all the other pieces are placed.

God bless you!



Let  
there  
be  
Light

**WEEKDAY MASS LOCATION**

**CHANGE:** This July, the old church sanctuary lighting system will be removed, and the new system installed. Because the new lights will not be in the same locations, some significant carpentry work is required for the wiring to be installed. Staging will also have to be erected. For this reason, all weekday Masses and Funerals between July 5 and July 15 will be celebrated in Father Haley Hall. Thank you.

**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.

**TRAVELING?** Check out

[www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org) to find out the name, location and Mass schedule of the nearest Catholic Church anywhere in America.

**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.

**K of C COUNCIL #14224, 14<sup>th</sup> 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: [stanguish@hotmail.com](mailto:stanguish@hotmail.com) or by contacting any Knight of Columbus member.

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:** Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring a variety of in-person 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 <https://www.mema.org/>. 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.

**HS MISSISSIPPI MISSION TRIP:** Please keep in your prayers the 27 teens and chaperones who will be serving in Mississippi this week! Mission Team, we are so proud of all of your hard work, and your willingness to spread the light of Christ! You will be in our prayers!

**EPIC HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP:** We are beginning to plan for next year, and are still seeking anyone who is interested in becoming a Teen Leader (must be a rising Sophomore or older). *What is a Teen Leader?* Reach out to Theresa for more information! As always, she is available by email at [stmarysYM1870@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysYM1870@gmail.com), and don't forget to follow along at stmarysepic on Instagram!

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

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



**WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS:** *"A society will be judged on the basis of how it treats its weakest members; and among the most vulnerable are surely the unborn and the dying."* - Pope Saint John Paul II

**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-daily-online-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.)

*June 24, 2022*



## **Cardinal Seán O'Malley Statement Regarding Supreme Court Ruling in Dobbs v. Jackson**

For all of us who have spoken, written, worked, marched, and prayed to reverse Roe v. Wade, today's Supreme Court's decision in Dobbs v. Jackson is deeply significant and encouraging. This decision will create the possibility of protecting human life from conception; it calls us to recognize the unique burden faced by women in pregnancy; and it challenges us as a nation to work together to build up more communities of support — and available access to them — for all women experiencing unplanned pregnancies.

During the past half-century, as the abortion debate continued, the Catholic Church has often been accused of imposing a religious belief on our pluralistic society. It is indeed the case that, when addressing the Catholic community, the Church has used both religious and moral arguments to oppose abortion. But when engaging the wider American civil society, elected officials, and our legal system, the Church has defended human life from its inception as a matter of human rights. Our continued efforts in advocating our position on the protection of unborn children is consistent with our advocacy for issues affecting the dignity of all persons at all stages and in all circumstances of life. The Church employs this principle of consistency in addressing issues of race, poverty, and human rights generally. It is a position that presents a moral argument as a foundation for law and policy to protect human life.

I welcome the Court's decision, but I do not underestimate how profoundly divisive the issue of abortion has been and will continue to be in our public life. Even more tragic has been the personal suffering of women facing unplanned pregnancies in difficult situations. The Church has consistently opposed the moral and legal dimensions of Roe v. Wade; we also adamantly reject stigmatizing, criminalizing, judging or shaming women who have had abortions or are considering them. Too often isolated and desperate, women have felt they had no other choice. They need and deserve spiritual, emotional, and material support from the Church and from society.

In the Archdiocese of Boston, we have sought, through Project Rachel and Pregnancy Help, to support women facing a crisis pregnancy and women whose lives have been impacted by an abortion. In addition, the Church offers the Lord's boundless mercy and healing to those suffering from the spiritual harms of abortion. In the face of recent statistics indicating an increase in abortions, our pastoral and social support for women will continue, will be welcoming, and will be available to all who need them.

Today's Supreme Court decision begins a new chapter in our legislative and legal forums as the public debates about abortion will not end. Since 1973, there has been continuing opposition to Roe v. Wade's reasoning and its consequences. Those consequences have permeated the political, legal, and social fabric of American life. The radical character of the Roe decision catalyzed some of the deepest reactions and responses to any issue in our nation's history. The public arguments will now shift to the states, the Congress, and the courts. It is my hope that this new chapter may be a time of a different tone and focus in our civic life.

First, we must adopt a wider vision of the multiple threats to human life in our society today. The recognition that human life begins with conception and continues through natural death. All human life deserves moral and legal protection at all times. Protection of life should be comprehensive, not selective. The Church, in its own positions, should reflect this wider vision, and we are called to engage our civil society around this more holistic view of the value and dignity of human life. It is commonly recognized by those on both sides of the abortion debate that conditions of poverty and injustice have been and are today a major factor contributing to abortions. Those who have opposed and supported Roe can and should find common ground for a renewed commitment to social and economic justice in our country.

Second, protecting human life at all times can only succeed if we rediscover the value of civility in discourse, in protest, and in policy advocacy. Respect for life calls for mutual recognition of and respect for our common dignity as persons and citizens. In recent years, the idea of civility and respectful discourse has suffered from neglect, as has the respect for human life. The renewal of both is possible and urgently necessary.

As a bishop and a citizen, I hope and pray we can create a culture that protects the most vulnerable at the beginning of life and at any time life is threatened in any way.

**Cardinal Seán P. O'Malley**  
**Archbishop of Boston**

*"It is impossible to further the common good without acknowledging and defending the right to life, upon which all the other inalienable rights of individuals are founded and from which they develop. A society lacks solid foundations when, on the one hand, it asserts values such as the dignity of the person, justice and peace, but then, on the other hand, radically acts to the contrary by allowing or tolerating a variety of ways in which human life is devalued and violated, especially where it is weak or marginalized. Only respect for life can be the foundation and guarantee of the most precious and essential goods of society, such as democracy and peace."*

- Pope Saint John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae* (1995), no. 101





**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW PAST DUE:** 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 and download <https://stmarysholliston.com/religious-education/religious-education-registration/>



**THIS WEEK -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 [st.marysRE1870@gmail.com](mailto:st.marysRE1870@gmail.com).

**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**

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., 8:10-9:20 AM	12 classes/ 75 min.
GR-2A/3A	Sun., 8:10-9:20 AM or 10:45 AM-12:00 Noon	14 classes /75 min.
GR-4A/5A	Sun.,10:45AM-12:15 PM	14 classes / 90 min.
GR-6A	Sun., 4:00-5:30 PM	14 classes / 90 min.
GR-7A	Sun., 4:30-6:00 PM	14 classes / 90 min.
GR-8B	Mon., 6:00-7:30 PM	14 classes / 90 min.
GR-3C	Tues., 4:00-5:30 PM	14 classes / 90 min.
GR-4C	Tues., 4:00-5:30 PM	14 classes / 90 min.
GR-5C	Tues., 4:00-5:30 PM	14 classes / 90 min.
GR-6C	Tues., 4:00-5:30 PM	14 classes / 90 min.
GR-8C	Tues., 6:00-7:30 PM	14 classes / 90 min.
GR-2D	Wed., 4:15-5:30 PM	14 classes / 75 min.
GR-7D	Wed., 6:00-7:30 PM	14 classes / 90 min.
GR-9A/10A	Sunday, 11:30 AM Mass, then a 12:30 PM snack followed with class from 1:00 to 2:30 PM.	8 sessions - Once a month for each grade level.

**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 [st.marysRE180@gmail.com](mailto:st.marysRE180@gmail.com) 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](mailto: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 [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org). 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.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2022  
JULY 25 – JULY 29  
FATHER HALEY HALL**

*Get Ready...*



*For a Howlin' Good Time!*