



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.”

8 Church St., Holliston, MA 01746

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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!



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July 17, 2022
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Two holy women appear to us in today's Gospel – Martha and Mary, the sisters of Lazarus who welcome Jesus to their home. In some ways these women personify for us the two ways of serving Jesus – the active and the contemplative. Martha in her busyness represents the vigor with which we are called to live out our particular vocations, making the most of the time allotted to us by God to accomplish His will upon the earth. All the activity in the world, however, is meaningless unless we learn to listen to Jesus – the wise choice made by Mary who “sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak.” Listening to the Lord requires a silence that can be quite uncomfortable. Whereas being busy can divert us from inner pain and anxiety, silence and stillness allow many things to rise to the surface – including the voice of God. That is why even ten minutes or so of silent prayer each day can be so powerful. Those moments of quiet contemplation become the eye of the hurricane, the still place amidst the rushing activity and busyness of our lives.

If we need sometimes to seek stillness in order to hear the voice of God, we need also to seek silence in order to hear and grow in love of one another. To be truly interested in what other people have to say is a grace and sign that we are becoming like Christ, Who believed that there was value and holiness to be found in even the most unlikely of individuals. We all like to be heard, to get our point across, to make an impression. But isn't it true that the friends we treasure the most so often have the gift of being “good listeners?” We may not always agree with what we hear from others. But in learning to truly listen to them, we become better able to hear Christ Himself.



Even as Martha and Mary showed hospitality to Jesus, next weekend we will offer hospitality to Fr. Rocco Puopoli of the Xaverian Missionary Fathers. Once a year, every single Catholic parish in the United States welcomes a Missionary to share with us about the Church's important work of spreading the Gospel, especially by caring for the poor in distant lands. Their visit also affords us the opportunity to support this work by our prayers and through a special collection. I know that as always, the good people of St. Mary's will respond generously to this once-a-year missionary appeal.

God bless you!

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Rev. Mark J. Coiro
Pastor

P.S. Thanks to the great efforts of parishioner Mike Perkins and his Perkins Electric crew, the new sanctuary lighting system is now in place. These lights replace the thirty-year-old system for which bulbs are no longer being manufactured. We are still waiting for delivery of the new lighting for the crucifix, but all Masses are now able to be in the church again.

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
Mr. Christopher Pelonzi, Director of Music
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: \$ 5,391.00
WeShare: \$ 4,271.00
Offertory Envelopes
dropped off / mailed in \$ 8,363.00
Total Offertory: \$ 18,025.00

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/>.



NEXT WEEKEND ~ ANNUAL MISSION APPEAL:
On the Weekend of July 23 and 24 there will be a visiting missionary presenting the Annual Mission Appeal in the person

of Fr. Rocco Puopolo whom we know well. He will be preaching on behalf of the Xaverian Missionaries. Fr. Rocco had served in Sierra Leone, West Africa for 12 years until 1999. Presently he is the Director at Our Lady of Fatima Shrine here in Holliston MA. More information on the Xaverians can be found at www.xaverianmissionaries.org. Please welcome Fr. Rocco's message and be as generous as you can. Thank you!

RECTORY OFFICE SUMMER HOURS:

Wed. - Fri., 9 AM - 3 PM. Mass Cards may also be obtained at the Religious Education Office, Mon. - Thurs. 9 AM to 5 PM, and Fridays 9 AM - 3 PM (Rel. Ed. Office closed for Vacation July 18 - July 22).

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday July 16
5:00 Kenneth O. Hanson & Robert L. Martell
7:30 John Hand
Sunday July 17
7:30 People of St. Mary's
9:30 Sr. Regina Caron
11:30 Charlie Horn
Monday July 18
9:00 Jean Russo (Living)
Tuesday July 19
9:00 Paul T. Shea
Wednesday July 20
9:00 Rev. Edward T. Serena
Thursday July 21
9:00 Joseph Arcidi
Friday July 22
9:00 Pasqualina Neri
Saturday July 23
5:00 Helen Fleming
7:30 Marion E. Parker
Sunday July 24
7:30 People of St. Mary's
9:30 Rita Anne Horgan, 3rd Anv.
11:30 Rita Ellen Caiani

DENTAL CARE ITEMS URGENTLY NEEDED ~ PANTRY SHELF:

The Holliston Pantry Shelf is totally out of dental care items. Please consider donating toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss, fluoride rinse, etc. Items may be dropped off at St. Mary's or the black box at the Thank you!



FREE COVID TEST KITS: The Holliston Health Department has given us a supply of free Home Covid Test Kits for distribution. This first weekend, we invite our Senior Citizens to take two packages per household (there are two tests per package) as needed.

They may be taken today from the desk in the Parish Center Lobby. If any remain after this weekend, we will make them available for general distribution.



If you have not already done so, you may also get free test kits from the government by visiting <https://www.covid.gov/tests>. God bless you!

CATHOLIC NIGHT AT FENWAY PARK:

Join us in a night for Catholics from all over New England to come together to celebrate their faith and enjoy a ballgame at America’s Most Beloved Ball Park.

MONDAY, JULY 25 at 7:10 PM
Cleveland Guardians VS. BOSTON RED SOX

TICKET PRICE:
BLEACHER - \$37
GRANDSTAND - \$40
RIGHT FIELD BOX - \$69



TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED BY USING THE QR CODE ABOVE OR BY
VISTING: <https://bit.ly/CatholicNight>. For questions, contact Patrick Krisak at pkrisak@rcab.org.

TRAVELING? Check out www.masstimes.org to find out the name, location and Mass schedule of the nearest Catholic Church anywhere in America.

JULY 17 ~ SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Hospitality and generosity are prominent themes in our readings today. Abraham, not only warmly greets the three guests, he and Sarah prepare a meal, and “waited on them”. In the gospel, Martha and Mary welcomed Jesus into their home and “waited on him” both with a meal and with conversation. As we see people coming back to church in these “post-Covid” days, what kind of hospitality do they encounter? Is it radical hospitality, such that the spirit within the community makes them want to keep coming back? They might just be like the strangers that visited Abraham – sent by God.



MORE FLOWER WATERERS NEEDED!

During this drought we are so grateful to the dedicated team of parishioners who keep the flowers around St. Mary’s bright and blooming by taking turns watering them. Well done Linda Truitt, Kim and Mike Perkins, Natalie Kent, and Marjorie Winchenbach! Would more parishioners consider helping them out? If you can, please contact Linda Truitt through st.marys1870@gmail.com.



WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS: *“Jesus saw fit to enlighten me about this mystery. He set the book of nature before me and I saw that all the flowers He has created are lovely. The splendor of the rose and the whiteness of the lily do not rob the little violet of its scent nor the daisy of its simple charm. If every tiny flower wanted to be a rose, spring would lose its loveliness.”* - St. Therese of Lisieux

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

Help Us Stay Green!



COORDINATOR OF TRANSPORTATION BETHANY HEALTH CARE CENTER FRAMINGHAM: Coordinator of Transportation (full-time) to be hired by the Sisters of St. Joseph to provide coordination of transportation (Bethany Sisters of St. Joseph to medical appointments). As such, he or she is accountable to the BHCC Administrator. The position requires city and highway driving and often flexible scheduling. (Car provided for transporting residents). Contact Sister Denise Kelly, CSJ (617-746-2040) for more information and a complete job description.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION: St. Mary's parishioner, Liz Auteri, has been accepted into the Sisters of St. Joseph Spiritual Direction Internship Initiative to train to become a Spiritual Director. One of the requirements of the program is that Liz meet with individual(s) to provide spiritual direction while in the Internship. The spiritual direction would begin late September, 2022. There would be no cost at all to the individual as she will be in training. Liz and her husband have been parishioners of St. Mary's for five years. Liz has been an adult leader in the St. Mary's Confirmation program since 2018. Previously, Liz was a parishioner at St. John the Evangelist in Hopkinton where she was actively involved in their Parish Global Mission Apostolate, taught Religious Education classes and was a member of WINGS. For the last 10 years, she has assisted the Franciscan Missionaries Sisters for Africa. Liz herself has been receiving spiritual direction for the last two years. Spiritual Direction, as defined by the Sisters of St. Joseph "is a pastoral ministry in which one Christian assists another to pay attention to God's personal communication with him or her, to respond personally to God, and to live out the consequences of this relationship." If you are interested in spiritual direction with Liz, please contact her at elizauteri@yahoo.com.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING: St. Mary's Parishioner Lauren Onak has recently been certified as a Natural Family Planning instructor in the Boston Cross Check method. This method involves charting various biomarkers to identify a woman's fertile window. Natural Family Planning respects God's gift of married love and the Church's teachings on sexuality and allows a couple to become responsible and generous stewards of their fertility. Lauren would love to offer interested individuals and couples from St. Mary's Parish a ten percent discount on course fees. For more information, contact her through her website: www.laurenonaknfp.com.

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. Please continue to support our raffle in our efforts to help 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. Email Tom Anguish at stanguish@hotmail.com or contact any KOC member.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: WWME 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://wwmema.org/>.



BETHANY HOUSE HOPE CHEST: The Bethany House Hope Chest, located at 1134 Main Street in Millis is looking for donations of good used or new items. All proceeds from the Hope Chest help to support Bethany House Ministries, our non-profit charitable organization. Shopping at the Hope Chest is not only a fun and friendly experience it is also an investment in the future of someone in need. If you can help us, please contact either Ruth or Nghia at (508) 376-0824.

ST. MARY'S MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP SUMMER EVENTS: Brownstone Quarry Park, CT: Friday, August 5; Deerfield Rafting: Friday, August 19

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.



FINAL REGISTRATION DEADLINES FOR GRADES 9 AND 10

Since Grades 9 and 10 will be meeting once a month starting in October there will be **NO Registrations accepted AFTER September 30, 2022.** Families new to the parish are welcome to register their children and youth to the program.

FINAL REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR GRADES PRE-K THROUGH 8 - OCTOBER 28, 2022: This is a firm deadline to alleviate the concerns of inconsistency for our Grade Coordinators, Catechists and Monitors with late registrations. Any family new to the parish is welcome to register their children and youth for faith formation.

PRE-K, KINDERGARTEN AND GRADE 1: Children entering these grades or new to Holliston may be registered for Religious Education. Contact 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/>

GOALS FOR PARISH FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS: Parents are the primary educators and models of the Catholic Faith for their children and our faith formation efforts are designed to **support and enhance** those efforts. To learn more about this understanding of faith formation please visit <https://www.bostoncatholic.org/digital-faith-formation>. See also **Canons 226 and 773-780 in the Code of Canon Law**, which speak of the interwoven obligations of parents and pastors when providing catechetical instruction to young people. In particular, **Canon 773** commends us all (see Canons **756-761**), and especially pastors of souls, "to take care of the catechesis of the Christian people so that the living faith of the faithful becomes manifest and active through doctrinal instruction and the experience of Christian life."

VOLUNTEER CATECHISTS, GROUP LEADERS AND MONITORS FOR 2022-2023: Many adults are concerned about the faith of our young people. Consider placing this concern into action and share the traditions and beliefs of the Catholic Faith by teaching a class or guiding the young people of our Parish? The rewards are great! See the chart for scheduled classes to the right for your consideration. Contact us at 508-429-6076 or by email at st.marysRE1870@gmail.com.

CLASSES BEGIN SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

GRADES	SESSION	BEGINS
PRE-K Kindergarten	Sun., 9:15-10:30 AM Sun., 9:15-10:30 AM	October 2 Sept. 25
GR-1A	Sun., 8:10-9:20 AM	Sept. 25
GR-2A Two Sessions	Sun., 8:10-9:25 AM and 10:45 AM-12:00 Noon	Sept. 18
GR-3A Two Sessions	Sun., 7:55-9:20 AM and 10:45 AM-12:15 PM	Sept. 18
GR-4A	Sun., 3:30-5:00 PM (Tour)	Sept. 11
GR-4A and 5A	Sun., 10:45 AM-12:15 PM	Sept. 25
GR-6A	Sun., 4:00-5:30 PM	Sept. 25
GR-7A	Sun., 4:30-6:00 PM	Sept. 25
GR-9A	Sun., 11:30 AM-2:30 PM (includes Mass)	October 23
GR-10A	Sun., 11:30 AM-2:30 PM (includes Mass)	October 30
GR-4B	Mon., 4:00-5:30 PM (Tour)	Sept. 12
GR-8B	Mon., 6:00-7:30 PM	October 17
GR-3C	Tues., 4:00-5:30 PM	Sept. 20
GR-4C	Tues., 4:00-5:30 PM (Tour)	Sept. 13
GR-4C and 5C	Tues., 4:00-5:30 PM	Sept. 27
GR-6C	Tues., 4:00-5:30 PM	October 4
GR-2D	Wed., 4:15-5:30 PM	Sept. 21
GR-7D	Wed., 6:00-7:30 PM	Sept. 28

CORI VOLUNTEER RENEWAL ALERT: If you are 18 + years of age and plan to volunteer or chaperone in any events or ministries at St. Mary's Church, please be sure your **FY 2022 CORI is in order and on file.** Contact Paula O'Brien at st.marysRE1870@gmail.com or at X211.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IN 1 WEEK - BEGINS JULY 25!

