



# 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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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 register through our website or by calling the rectory. 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!

## LAZARUS AT THE GATE

*"He was almost invisible..."*

The rich man,  
snug inside his home,  
simply couldn't be bothered  
with every bum or beggar  
who lounged beside his gate.

The servants,  
busy with many things,  
no longer noticed  
the cripples who crowded around the door,  
or the children holding empty bowls.

In fact,  
no one,  
not even the guests arriving for the feast,  
ever really "saw" him.  
But as they passed by,  
they turned their heads  
and clutched their robes a little tighter  
determined to stay clean and undefiled.

After all,  
a man like that  
must have done *something*  
to lose God's blessing.

And so,  
he was almost invisible—  
except to the dogs who licked his sores...

We don't really know  
what brought him to the rich man's gate,  
alone, and in desperate need.

Maybe he was betrayed by a friend,  
or ruined by an ugly scandal.  
Maybe the taxes  
that threatened to crush his land  
finally crushed him, too.  
Maybe he became sick,  
or lame,  
or possessed by a demon.

Or maybe  
he had *always* been lost.  
Maybe he lived his entire life  
among the brambles and the weeds,  
crying out for relief.

No one knows  
how he ended up at the gate,  
but then, no one really cares, either...  
because, you see,  
he is almost invisible.

And yet,  
of all the people  
in all the parables,  
he alone is given a name...  
*Lazarus.*  
Lazarus, which means,  
*"God has helped"*.

And Lazarus is waiting at the gate.

Some parables are comforting.  
The lost sheep,  
The lost coin,  
The lost son.

These are stories that invite us  
to snuggle deep into the Gospel  
like it's Grandma's old quilt.

These parables remind us  
that we are God's beloved—  
no matter how lost we become;  
no matter how far we stray.

Other parables are not quite so soothing.  
And some...  
well, some of them  
are downright disturbing.  
These parables,  
like the one we read today,  
remind us that God loves reversals.  
They remind us that what *we* see  
is not always what God sees.

They paint a picture of discipleship  
that's not exactly painless,  
or simple  
or even very safe.  
They teach us  
that some of the most serious offenses against God  
are not the sins we commit,  
but the acts we omit.  
Apathy, blindness, absence, neglect.

The rich man never really *hurt* Lazarus.  
He didn't hate him,  
or betray him  
or abuse him.  
He didn't cause Lazarus to fail  
or leave him begging at the gate.

He simply ignored him.

And God says,  
that alone  
is enough to create a chasm between us.

We desperately want this parable  
to be about "them".

The rich athlete...  
The corporate executive...  
The wealthy rock star...  
The woman who inherited money...  
The politician with power.

You know... *Them*.

The ones who should really DO something  
about the beggars at the gate.

After all,  
very few of us feast in luxury every night.  
Feasting?

Many of us can barely cover  
mortgage payments,  
food,  
tuition,  
gas,  
health care,  
braces,  
weekly offerings.

And some of us struggle  
just to make one day  
meet the next.

But maybe God is trying to remind us  
that the world of rich and poor;  
the world of have and have not;  
the world of visible and invisible;  
is not God's creation,  
but our own.

Maybe God is trying to remind us  
that *everything*--

our lives, our talents,  
our food, our ability to earn money  
our desire to support our families,  
our shelter,  
even our faith,  
is pure gift.

And because of that gift,  
the way we deal with Lazarus  
matters to God.  
The way we view poverty and wealth  
matters to God.  
The way we handle material goods  
matters to God.

Throughout Scripture, God invites us to become,  
not just disciples and followers,  
but stewards; partners in God's own creative act.  
As stewards, we hold this earth, and everything in it,  
as a trust.

Stewardship is more than just "another parish program";  
it's more than a campaign to raise funds  
or reduce a debt.

It is a way of life  
that helps us express and deepen our faith. It is a form of witness.

God will still be God, whether we give anything back, or not.  
Whether we contribute, or not.  
Whether we volunteer, or not.

In fact, God doesn't really need our offerings  
of time, talent, and treasure - we do.

Giving back to God creates pathways within us.  
Through giving,  
we become more open to receive;  
more aware of the Gift;  
more grateful to the Giver.  
It opens our eyes and our hearts to see more clearly.

The beggar outside the gate,  
The old woman lost in disease and despair,  
The child standing alone on the playground,  
The man struggling with painful addiction,  
The prisoner learning about forgiveness;  
The Church community, facing challenges and pains;  
These are people beloved by God.

He knows each and every name,  
each and every need,  
even when the world seems to be blind.

Maybe through this parable,  
God is trying to remind us  
that no matter where we live,  
no matter who we are,  
no matter how much money we make,  
Lazarus is waiting for us at the gate.  
And somehow,  
through him,  
Christ is there waiting for us, too."

- By Dr. S. McGurgan

**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

**SECOND COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND:**  
 Clergy Funds \$ 2,550.00 Thank you.

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND:**  
 Next week's second collection will support the Holy Father's "Peter's Pence" collection. This collection will also provide support to The Catholic University of America (CUA) that educates priests and lay people for ministry and for the Inner City Parishes of the Archdiocese of Boston. Your generosity will assist the Holy Father as well as the CUA and poor parishes here at home.



**WHAT IS PETER'S PENCE?**  
 The Peters Pence Collection unites us in solidarity to the Holy See and its works of charity to those in need. Your generosity allows the Pope to

respond to our suffering brothers and sisters with promptness, love, and compassion, so God's people will not feel alone in their time of misfortune. The Collection derives its name from an ancient custom. In the ninth-century, King Alfred the Great collected money – "pence" or pennies – from landowners as financial support for the Pope. Today, the Peter's Pence Collection supports the Pope's philanthropy by giving the Holy Father the means to provide emergency assistance to those in need because of natural disaster, war, oppression, and disease.

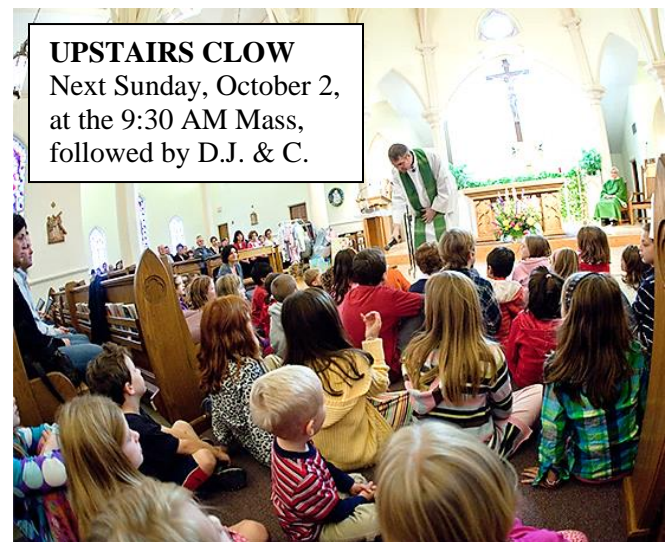
**PARISH OFFERTORY LAST WEEKEND:**

Automatic Giving: \$ 4,122.00  
 WeShare: \$ 2,075.00  
 Offertory Envelopes  
 dropped off / mailed in \$ 9,265.00  
 Total Offertory: \$ 15,462.00

Thank you for your faithful stewardship. *"Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."* MT 6:21

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>September 24</b>
5:00	Grace Magrini, 6 <sup>th</sup> Anv.
7:30	Robert Yarashus
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>September 25</b>
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Khalil Hasrouni
11:30	Stephen Warren, 24 <sup>th</sup> Anv.
<b>Monday</b>	<b>September 26</b>
9:00	Jenna Giardini
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>September 27</b>
9:00	Stephen Jennings
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>September 28</b>
9:00	Richard Jennings
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>September 29</b>
9:00	Joey Larracey
<b>Friday</b>	<b>September 30</b>
9:00	Leslie Jennings
11:00	Funeral ~ Joseph Cashen
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>October 1</b>
5:00	Tim O'Connell
7:30	Parishioners of St. Mary's
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>October 2</b>
7:30	Eugenia Moraski
9:30	All Children of St. Mary's
11:30	Nicholas Anselmo



**UPSTAIRS CLOW**  
 Next Sunday, October 2,  
 at the 9:30 AM Mass,  
 followed by D.J. & C.

**DONUTS, JUICE AND COFFEE:** Please join us in Fr. Haley Hall next Sunday, October 2, after the 9:30 AM Mass, for refreshments and camaraderie. DJ&C is also a great chance to welcome new families who have joined our parish. Come on down!

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE:**  
 I Stephen Costello and Elizabeth Stearns

**THE ROSE FOR LIFE:** Sponsored this week by the Ward Family. Join them in prayer for an unborn child.

**K. of C. CHARITY RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE AFTER MASS TODAY!** Our Annual Charity Raffle winds up soon! Your last chance to buy raffle tickets will be on September 24 and 25 when Knights will be selling tickets after all the Masses. The winning tickets will be drawn during our new Family & Friends History-Mystery Rallye, Oct. 9.



**FAMILY & FRIENDS HISTORY-MYSTERY**

**RALLYE:** Sunday, October 9 at 2:00 PM starting in our church parking lot. Join us for a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon! Put together a team of at least two people (or your whole family) and have a blast! Follow route directions to historic and notable sites in town, find answers to questions on your sheet, and arrive back at St. Mary's about 45 minutes later. This isn't a timed

event, but distance is important. Join other contestants for refreshments and games for the kids until the winners are announced. Three top teams will win \$100, \$50, or \$25! The entry fee is \$15 per car if paid by October 1 or \$20 on the day of the event. Net proceeds go to charity. For early entries, please send your name, address, and a check payable to KofC 14224 to Tom Anguish, 542 Winter Street, Holliston, MA 01746 OR use VENMO and identify your payment as registration for History-Mystery Rallye to St. Mary's Holliston K of C @KofC14224. Identify your payment as registration for History-Mystery Rallye to St Mary's Holliston K of C, @KofC14224, OR point your smart phone at this QR code and go directly to our **VENMO payment page**.



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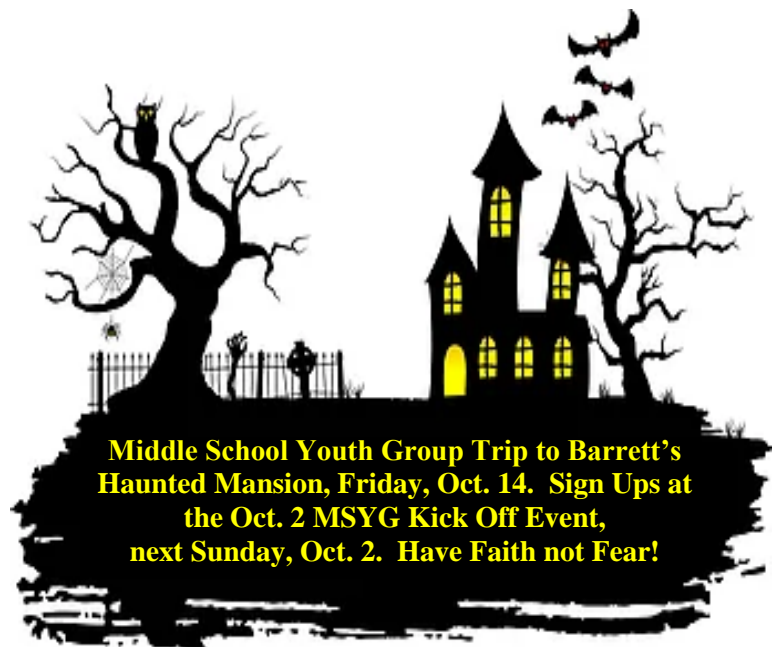


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**ATTENTION ALL 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> GRADERS! YOU ARE INVITED TO THE SAINT MARY'S MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP KICK OFF & ICE CREAM SOCIAL, NEXT SUNDAY, OCT. 2!**

Giant MSYG Kick Off Event, 6:30 – 8 PM, open to all 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Graders. Sign-ups for the Friday, October 14 Barrett's Haunted Mansion Trip and a Giant Slideshow of all this summer's events. Save the date! Join us for our *16<sup>th</sup> year* of Faith, Friendship, Service & Fun!



**Middle School Youth Group Trip to Barrett's Haunted Mansion, Friday, Oct. 14. Sign Ups at the Oct. 2 MSYG Kick Off Event, next Sunday, Oct. 2. Have Faith not Fear!**



teens gather in faith

**NEW SCHOOL YEAR, NEW NAME, NEW HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP!** All teens in Grades 9 through 12 are invited to the first TGIF Meeting of the year, **Sunday, October 16**, from 7:15-8:45 PM in Fr. Haley Hall. Bring \$5 dues and bring a friend! Snacks will be provided. If you have any questions please reach out to Theresa at [Stmarysym1870@gmail.com](mailto:Stmarysym1870@gmail.com). At this meeting we will have signups for the first trip of the year – the Davis Farm Mega Maze, Saturday, October 22. Save the date!



**WINGS:** (Women in God's Spirit) is a ministry of encouragement and enrichment for women of all ages who seek to deepen their Catholic faith and grow in their relationship with God and one another. Our Fall Season "Called to Relationship" **begins on Wednesday, October 12**, from 9:45 to 11:15 AM in Father Haley Hall and will conclude on Wednesday, November 16. The meeting includes prayer, an inspiring speaker presentation on a relevant topic of the Catholic faith and large or small group sharing with **WOMEN OF ALL AGES**. Are you a new mom, recently retired or working from home - then consider giving yourself the gift of growing in faith through the WINGS program. Can you carve out an hour once a week to learn more about your Catholic faith and deepen your relationship with God? We hope you will join us. Please let us know when you register if you will require babysitting so we can arrange for childcare. WINGS asks for dues of \$50 per year, or \$20 per season (Fall, Winter, Spring) to defray speaker fees; however, everyone is welcome regardless of ability to pay. For additional information about the WINGS ministry, please call Jen Schiller at 617-852-9632 or Diane Collins at 508-259-7795. To register for WINGS, email [stmaryswingssecretary@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryswingssecretary@gmail.com). We look forward to welcoming you!



**THE FIRST UPSTAIRS CLOW IS NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2 AND THE WEEKLY DOWNSTAIRS CLOW STARTS SUNDAY OCTOBER 16.** Please pray about joining the CLOW team this year! The Children's Liturgy of the Word is a format that presents the biblical teachings of our Catholic faith to the children of our parish in a friendly, interactive and fun setting. The requirements are that you are a practicing Catholic, attending Mass and living out your faith in daily life. We have some fabulous leaders, about 5 regular ones, but realistically should have double that number. We also welcome teen leaders 15 and over who are practicing Catholics. Won't you please consider joining us? Contact Rel. Ed. at 508-429-6076.

**CLOW READERS:** St. Mary's is in need of a few more young people willing to become youth lectors at the 9:30 AM CLOW Masses. The St. Mary's youth lector program allows youths in 7<sup>th</sup> Grade or higher to proclaim the Word of God at Mass and at other liturgical celebrations. Candidates must attend church regularly and be willing to spend time during the week before to practice their reading skills. People are scheduled for one Sunday per month. If interested please email Ron Turcotte at [ronturcotte2@gmail.com](mailto:ronturcotte2@gmail.com) to arrange for a short training session.

**RCIA AND ADULT CONFIRMATION:** If you have heard the calling to join the Catholic Church, St. Mary's Parish will be starting an RCIA Program in late September which leads to full initiation into the Church. Among others, this is an ideal opportunity for those who may have been attending Mass with your Catholic spouse or family but now want to participate more fully in the liturgies. In addition, we will also be starting an Adult Confirmation Class (leading to an Adult Confirmation Liturgy) for those adult Catholics (18+) who never received the sacrament at a younger age. If you are interested to join either program or just want further information, please contact Deacon Ron Dowding at 508-429-3961. Welcome!

**PANTRY SHELF BACK TO SCHOOL 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.

**PLEASE CONSIDER SWITCHING TO WESHARE OR AUTOMATIC GIVING:** These online services allow you to maintain your support without having to remember to mail or drop off envelopes. They also allow you to maintain your customary weekly parish support even when you are away on vacation, long holiday weekends, foul weather weekends, sickness, (even pandemic), or other challenges during the year. Even if you are at Mass, these forms of giving mean not having to remember to bring checkbooks and / or envelopes with you. **Learn how to make the switch at:** <https://stmarysholliston.com/how-to-give/>.

**MOM'S PRAYER GROUP:** There is a MOM'S GROUP on Tuesdays from 9:30-11 AM in Classrooms 3-4. Every week, we will pray together, read reflections according to the liturgical season, and share prayer intentions. Children of all ages are welcome, there will be a few toys and coloring activities available. Coffee and snacks will be provided. Contact Meghan Krenselewski at 978-421-5795 with any questions.



**20 NEW ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED:** St. Mary's youths in 4<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grades are needed to serve at the Lord's altar at Holy Mass. Altar Servers prepare the sanctuary for Mass and assist during the celebration of Mass. They also occasionally serve at Weddings and other special celebrations in the life of the Church. Altar Servers are usually scheduled for two Masses in a five-week period.

## ALL INTERESTED BOYS & GIRLS ARE INVITED TO A MEETING ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, FROM 7 – 7:30 PM IN THE CHURCH.

Any parish youth in 4<sup>th</sup> Grade through 12<sup>th</sup> Grade interested in becoming an Altar Server should attend this meeting with a parent and their family calendar. We will plan the training schedule together according to the kids' activity schedules. This ministry is a beautiful way to support the worship life at St. Mary's and to serve God. Email Patty Baribeau that you are coming at: [st.marys.altarserver@gmail.com](mailto:st.marys.altarserver@gmail.com), or just show up!

### WHY DID I BECOME AN ALTAR SERVER? HERE'S WHAT SOME OF OUR SERVERS SAID!

*"It's more interesting to have a job at Mass instead of sitting in the pew."*

*"I thought it was cool to know the names of everything and how to set up the Church."*

*"My family wasn't getting to Mass very much before. I thought my becoming an Altar Server would help us, and it did!"*

*"I wanted to do something special for God."*





**REGISTRATIONS ARE CLOSING SOON:**

**After Friday, October 14,** Registrations for **Grades K-8** can no longer be accepted.

**After Friday, September 30,** Registrations for **Grades 9/10** can no longer be accepted.

Note: The only exception is for families new to the St. Mary's Parish community arriving after the deadline. Registration forms can be downloaded at <https://stmarysholliston.com/religious-education/religious-education-registration/>.

**CLOW SEEKING ADULT HELPERS:** CLOW starts on **Sunday, October 16** and is the celebration of the Liturgy of the Word with children. There is a need for more CLOW Leaders. Leaders are provided with the materials a week ahead to prepare. High School teens 15 + years of age are encouraged and welcomed.

**CLASSES BEGIN THIS WEEK FOR GRADES 2 AND 3 ~ SUNDAY SEPT. 25, 2022**

DATE	GRADE	GRADE
Sun., Sept. 25	GR-K at 9:15 AM	GR-1 at 8:10 AM
	GR-4 at 10:45 AM	GR-5 at 10:45 AM
	GR-6 at 4:00 PM	GR-7 at 5:00 PM
Tues., Sept. 27	GR-4 at 4:00 PM	GR-5 at 4:00 PM
Wed., Sept. 28	GR-7 at 6:00 PM	
Sun., Oct. 2	PR-K at 9:15 AM	GR-2 at 8:10 AM
	GR-2 at 10:45 AM	GR-3 at 7:55 AM
	GR-3 at 10:45 AM	
Tues., Oct. 4	GR-3 at 4:00 PM	GR-6 at 4:00 PM
Wed., Oct. 5	No Classes	
Sun., Oct. 9	No Classes	
Tues., Oct. 11	No Classes	
Wed., Oct. 12	GR-2 at 4:15 PM	GR-7 at 6:00 PM

**GRADES 9 AND 10 ABSENCE POLICY NOTICE:**

If a student is absent from the Sunday Mass the day of their class session he/she will be required to fill out a Mass Reflection sheet to make up the Mass time. Know that Grades 9 and 10 meet once a month separately for the 11:30 AM Mass followed by light refreshments and then classes ending at 2:30 PM. Being present for each class is critical for the two year Confirmation Program.

**PRE-K BEGINS ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2.**

**WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS:** "God loves each of us as if there were only one of us." - Saint Augustine

**GRADE COORDINATORS:** Grade Coordinators are vital to our Religious Education Program. At this time a **Grade 5 and 7 Coordinator** are needed to assist the DRE. Training is provided. Call or Email Fran at 508-429-6076 or [st.marysDRE1870@gmail.com](mailto:st.marysDRE1870@gmail.com) for further information and description of tasks.

*Please note that R.E. Coordinators are responsible for guiding and assisting both teachers and students in growing in their relationship with Christ and His Church. Since this is done best by example, all parish coordinators are required to be regularly practicing members of the St. Mary's Worshipping Community.*

**LOOKING AHEAD TO CONFIRMATION 2022:**



**All Being Confirmed: TONIGHT!** Sunday, September 25, Night of Reflection: Sign in at the Parish Center Lobby at 6:15 PM. The Holy Hour with Adoration and priests for your pre-Confirmation Confession starts at 6:30 PM and concludes with Benediction at 7:30 PM.

**Students scheduled for the 10:30 AM Mass on Saturday, October 8:** Your rehearsal will be held on Tuesday, **October 4** at 7:00 PM. Sponsors also attend.

**Students scheduled for the 1:30 PM Mass on Saturday, October 8:** Your rehearsal will be held on Thursday, **October 6** at 7:00 PM. Sponsors also attend.

**MONITORS:** Monitors are essential while classes are in session. The tasks are simple and training is provided. Please consider filling one of the openings listed below.

**VOLUNTEER OPENINGS ON CHART BELOW:**

GRADE	DAY AND TIME	TEACHERS	MON.
PRE-K.	Sun., 9:15 to 10:30 AM	2 Teens	Filled
Kind.	Sun., 9:15 to 10:30 AM	1 Adult	Filled
GR-2A	Sun., 8:10 to 9:25 AM	1 Adult	1
GR-3A	Sun., 10:45AM-12:15 PM	1 Adult	1
GR-4A	Sun., 10:45AM-12:15 PM	1 Adult	1
GR-5A	Sun., 10:45AM-12:15 PM	Filled	1
GR-7A	Sun., 5:00 to 6:30 PM	1 Adult	1
GR-9A	Sun., 11:30 AM-2:30 PM	1 Adult	Filled
GR-10	Sun., 11:30 AM-2:30 PM	2 Adults	1
GR-8B	Mon., 6:00 to 7:30 PM	2 Adults	1
GR-3C	Tues., 4:00 to 5:30 PM	1 Adult	Filled
GR-4C	Tues., 4:00 to 5:30 PM	1 Adult	Filled
GR-5C	Tues., 4:00 to 5:30 PM	1 Adult	Filled
GR-6C	Tues., 4:00 to 5:30 PM	Filled	Filled
GR-8C	Tues., 6:00 to 7:30 PM	4 Adults	1
GR-2D	Wed., 4:15 to 5:30 PM	1 Adult	Filled
GR-7D	Wed., 6:00 to 7:30 PM	1 Adults	Filled