

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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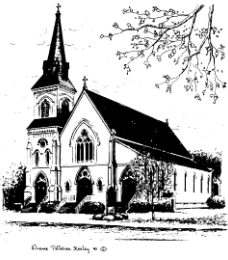
Dear Visitors: Welcome! We are delighted that you chose to worship with us this day. Please introduce yourself to the priest, and if you are interested in becoming a member of the parish then please register through our website or by calling the rectory. Please also be aware that for generations it has 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 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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October 9, 2022
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

This weekend we congratulate forty-five young people who yesterday received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Through this sacrament God has poured out His Holy Spirit upon them, empowering them with many gifts. By choosing to be Confirmed, the young people have now made a commitment to God – to live and love and worship as active members of His Holy Catholic Church. We all know Catholics who are Confirmed but who do not practice their faith. They said “yes,” to God in Confirmation, but then did not carry out His will. We pray that our young people will be true to their word and the commitment they have now made. For by being faithful to God, they will be faithful to themselves – healthier, happier and more of a blessing to others than they could ever be without Him.

As Bishop Reed prayed when he confirmed our young people this weekend: *“All powerful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by water and the Holy Spirit you freed your sons and daughters from sin and gave them new life. Send your Holy Spirit upon them to be their helper and guide. Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgment and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence. Fill them with the spirit of wonder and awe in your presence. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.”* Then the bishop, making the sign of the cross with Holy Chrism upon their forehead, said, *“Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.”*

Once Confirmed, the Gifts of the Holy Spirit are ever present and accessible to us by prayer. Consider which gift you feel the greatest need for at this moment of your journey home to God. Then by prayer ask God to breathe upon the embers of that gift already glowing within your soul, that it might burst into new flame and power in your life.

God bless you!

Rev. Mark J. Coiro
Pastor

St. Mary's Congratulates These Newly Confirmed Young Men and Women!

Devlin 'George' Bearer	Benjamin 'Basil' Hopke	Jenna 'Gianna' Quatromoni
Grace 'Olivia' Burgett	William 'Peter' Irving	Julia 'Jude Francis' Quatromoni
Leilani 'Gianna' Burroughs	Benjamin 'Olaf' Kaufman	Kate 'Margaret' Queeney
Louis 'Christopher' Connoni	Matthew 'Francis' Larrivee	Andrew 'Arsenius' Raffo
Michelle 'Theresa' Corrou	Megan 'Mary' Lyons	Isabella 'Amelia' Roth
Aidan 'Peter' Daly	Juliana 'Melangell' MacLeod	Kevin 'Peter' Sahagian
Brett 'Sebastian' Elliott	Molly 'Elizabeth' MacLeod	Julia 'John' Sangil
Benjamin 'Patrick' Fisher	Nathan 'Patrick' McAdams	Jack 'Francis' Scaramella
Matthew 'Maximilian Kolbe' Garbarino	Allison 'Bernadette' McGrath	Jack 'Michael' Schellings
Victoria 'Catherine' Gonzalez	Lukas 'Augustine' Noriega	Amanda 'Bridget' Shutt
Liam 'Sebastian' Hager	Sebastian 'Maximilian Kolbe' Noriega	Danielle 'Maria Goretti' Shutt
Blake 'Patrick' Harper	Rowan 'Michael' O'Brien	Charles 'John Paul' Smith
Laine 'Maria Goretti' Harper	Kaitlin 'Elizabeth' O'Connell	Joseph 'Peter' Tomacelli
Heidi 'Brigid' Hausmann	Christopher 'John' Pacheco	Andrew 'Quadragesimus' Wade
Lucas 'Sebastian' Haynes	James 'Gabriel' Parmese	Sarah 'Eligius' Walters

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:

Holy Father's, Peter's Pence: \$1,194.25. Thank you.

PARISH OFFERTORY LAST WEEKEND:

Automatic Giving: \$ 5,352.00
WeShare: \$ 3,850.00
Offertory Envelopes
dropped off / mailed in \$ 5,325.00
Total Offertory: \$ 12,639.50
Weekly Need: \$ 14,527.00

Shortfall: - \$ 473.00

Thank you for making up any missed weekly offertory support. The fiscal health of your parish depends on it.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday October 8
5:00 Jeanne Miley, 1st Anv.
7:30 Francis Gaboriault, 29th Anv.
Sunday October 9
7:30 Parishioners of St. Mary's
9:30 Len Levasseur
11:30 Patrick McDonald
Monday October 10
9:00 For Our Nation
Tuesday October 11
9:00 Paul T. Shea
Wednesday October 12
9:00 Oscar and Lucy Caron
Thursday October 13
9:00 Bobby Jennings
Friday October 14
9:00 Assunta Bomba
Saturday October 15
5:00 Marc Levasseur
7:30 Susan Johnson
Sunday October 16
7:30 Parishioners of St. Mary's
9:30 Daniel Maguire, 20th Anv.
11:30 Marie Loscocco

BANNS OF MARRIAGE:

III Stephen Costello and Elizabeth Stearns

THE ROSE FOR LIFE: Sponsored this week by the Palmer Family. Join them in prayer for the unborn.



~ TODAY ~

TICKET SALES FOR PARISH PASTA NIGHT! Tickets will be on sale after all Masses this weekend, October 8 and 9 and October 15 and 16, and at the Religious Education Office starting October 11. Come join your fellow parishioners for fine Italian fare, live music and great company at this year's Pasta Dinner on Saturday, October 22 from 6 to 8 PM. The menu will include rigatoni with red sauce, rigatoni with broccoli and chicken, rigatoni with butter, meatballs, salad, rolls and soda, water, juice and Italian pastries. Families with children of all ages are welcome. The cost is \$10 per person, or \$30 for immediate family (parents and children). There are no tickets at the door on October 22, so plan ahead!

FAMILY & FRIENDS HISTORY-MYSTERY RALLYE: Join us at 2:00 PM in our church parking lot 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. Three top teams will win \$100, \$50, or \$25! The entry fee is \$20 on the day of the event. Net proceeds go to charity.

K OF C TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE: After all Masses this weekend, all proceeds are given to the K of C State Council for donation to special needs charities in Massachusetts.



~ *NEXT WEEKEND* ~

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15 ~ RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE IN MEMORY OF MARC LEVASSEUR:

Celebrate life and make a difference by giving blood on Saturday, October 15 in Father Haley Hall from 8 AM to 1 PM. The need is constant, the gratification is instant. Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment. We've also got a treat for you this month: Come to give in October and get a \$5 e-gift card to a merchant of your choice! Enjoy some buttery popcorn or a refreshing drink with your movie screening on us. Terms apply, see rcblood.org/boo. Please schedule an appointment to donate at this special blood drive. You'll feel good knowing you've helped change the lives of patients in need. Give blood!



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16 ~ ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS:

Sunday, October 16 at 1 PM. Parishioners are invited to bring their pets to the Lower Church as we celebrate the Church's Rite of the Blessing of Animals. Each pet will receive an individual blessing as we ask God's protection for our animal friends and remember that all living things are precious to Him. This blessing takes place in October as St. Francis of Assisi's Feast Day is this month, and he had a special love of the furred, finned and feathered creatures of the earth.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16 ~ MARRIAGE FELLOWSHIP EVENT:

Join St. Mary's Marriage Fellowship on Sunday, October 16 from 3-5 PM. to discuss some (brief!) reading related to marriage. The event will be hosted at a member's home. Please email stmarysmarriagefellowship@gmail.com for the reading and address. Children are welcome and activities will be provided for them while the adults are meeting.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16 ~ NEW ALTAR SERVER TRAINING MEETING:

From 7-7:30 PM in the church. Any parish youth in 4th Grade through 12th 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, or just show up! 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.



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16 ~ HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP KICK OFF:

T.G.I.F. (Teens Gather In Faith), High School Youth Group Kick-Off is just ONE WEEK AWAY! All High Schoolers are welcome, October 16 from 7:15-8:45 PM in Fr. Haley Hall! There will be snacks, games, and mini pumpkins to paint. If you feel up to the challenge to carve a pumpkin, please bring your pumpkin, and carving supplies will be provided. \$5 dues will be collected, and if you have never attended a youth group event, now is the time to come on board. Registration and \$25 for the Davis Farmland MEGA MAZE trip taking place on October 22 will be collected at this meeting. If you're interested in going on the Mission trip this summer, participation in T.G.I.F. meetings is required. As always,



any questions, reach out to Theresa Virzi at stmarysYM1870@gmail.com. Interested in helping plan our next event or chaperone a trip? Reach out to Theresa about becoming a Teen Leader or Adult Volunteer for T.G.I.F! God Bless!



WINGS: (Women in God’s Spirit) is a ministry of encouragement and enrichment for women of all ages who seek to deepen their faith and grow in relationship with God and one another. Our Fall Season “Called to Relationship” begins this Wednesday, October 12, from 9:45 to 11:15 AM in Father Haley Hall and will be in person and through Zoom. Our first speaker is Rev. James Flynn, Pastor St. Matthew’s Parish Southborough, who will help WINGS members to better understand the relational aspect of our loving God, as it connects to the gift of the Holy Trinity. 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. Please make checks payable to St. Mary’s Parish, and mail to Betty Febo, 41 Holly Lane Holliston or pay at the door. For additional information about the WINGS ministry, please call Jen Schiller 617-852-9632 or Diane Collins 508-259-7795. To register for WINGS, email stmaryswingssecretary@gmail.com.

SAINT MARY’S CATHOLIC WOMEN’S GROUP: The SMCWG will meet this Wednesday, October 12 at noon in the Parish Library. Come join us for friendship and fun!

MOM’S PRAYER GROUP: This Tuesday, October 11, from 9:30-11 AM in Classrooms 3-4. This week we will be taking about Proverbs 10:1 and how to teach wisdom to our children. Every week we pray together, read reflections according to the liturgical season, and share prayer intentions. Children of all ages are welcome, there are toys and coloring activities available. Coffee and snacks are also provided. Contact Meghan Krenselewski at 978-421-5795 with any questions. Welcome!

ATTENTION CUB SCOUTS: Deacon Ron Dowding will be organizing two religious award programs for Catholic Cub Scouts. Tiger Cubs and Wolf Cubs are invited to earn the LIGHT OF CHRIST award. Bear Cubs and Webelos are invited to earn the PARVULI DEI award (“Children of God”). The requirements for both programs can be completed individually at home under the direction of parents. Group checkpoint meetings for parents and scouts together with Deacon Ron will be arranged monthly. For more information, please contact Deacon Ron Dowding at 508-429-3961.



BABY SHOWER FOR THE UNBORN: October 22 and 23 at all Masses. Please bring new baby items and clothes to Mass and place them in or around the baby stroller in the sanctuary. These gifts will directly assist mothers in crisis pregnancies through the Pregnancy Help program of our Archdiocese. Thank you for supporting families and babies in their time of need! Learn more at www.pregnancyhelpboston.org.

A Pregnancy Help Client Testimonial: "When I got pregnant I felt lonely, desperate, and confused. I found myself pregnant with no husband, no family, no money, no house and maybe no job. It was like being in a dark hole. I heard about Pregnancy Help, and they gave me the emotional and material support to get out of the confusion, to put aside all the obstacles that I thought I had and begin to take care of myself and my baby. I do not have words big enough to match the work they do."

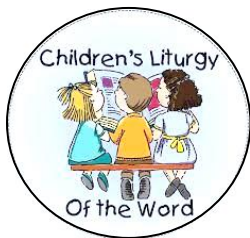
CLOSES IN 5 DAYS!

October 14 - Deadline for Grades Pre-K through 8.

*No registrations accepted after this date.

Please Note: Grades 9/10 Registration Period is NOW CLOSED. Registrations no longer accepted.

*Exception for NEW families only to the St. Mary's Parish community. Registration forms can be downloaded at <https://stmarysholliston.com/religious-education/religious-education-registration/>.



CLOW SEEKING ADULT HELPERS: CLOW starts **today, Sunday, October 9** 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 THIS WEEK

DATE	GRADE	GRADE
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
Sun., Oct. 16	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	
Mon., Oct 17	GR-2 Tour 4:15 PM	GR-8 at 6:00 PM
Tues., Oct 18	GR-2 Tour 4:15 PM	GR-4 at 4:00 PM
	GR-5 at 4:00 PM	GR-8 at 6:00 PM
Wed., Oct. 19	GR-2 Tour 4:15 PM	
Sun., Oct. 23	GR-2 at 8:10 AM	GR-3 at 7:55 AM
	GR-3 at 10:45 AM	GR-3 at 10:45 AM
	GR-6 at 4:00 PM	GR-9 at 11:30 AM

THIS WEEK! GRADE 8 TEACHER MEETING:

Tuesday, October 11 at 7 PM in Father Haley Hall. Classes begin Monday, Oct.17 and Tuesday, Oct.18.

THIS WEEK! GRADES 9 & 10 TEACHER MEETING:

Thursday, October 13 at 7 PM in Father Haley Hall. Classes begin Sunday, Oct. 23 (GR-9) and Sunday, October 30 (GR-10).

GRADES 9 AND 10 ABSENCE POLICY NOTICE:

A Mass reflection sheet will be required if a student is absent from the Sunday Mass the day of their class session. 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. Attendance is required for all monthly class sessions.

URGENT REQUEST FOR TWO 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 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.



TEACHERS AND MONITORS STILL NEEDED: 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

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-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-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 Adult	Filled

GRADE 2 MINI-TOURS OF THE CHURCH

**Monday, Oct., 17
Tuesday, Oct., 18
Wednesday, Oct., 19**

Parents please bring your children to the church by 4:15 PM. Tours will end at 5:15 PM each day and parents are welcome to join the mini-tour!



MONITORS: Openings listed above need to be filled!