



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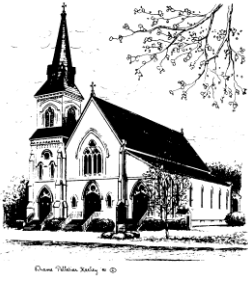
Dear Visitors: Welcome! We are delighted that you chose to worship with us this day. Please introduce yourself to the priest, and if you are interested in becoming a member of the parish then please register through our website or by calling the rectory. Please also be aware that for generations it has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



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October 16, 2022  
29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Perhaps no image can better capture the spirit of prayer than that of Moses holding up his hands imploring God's aid for Israel against the Amalekites. As a priest, I am required to assume that same physical pose repeatedly during the ritual of the Mass, arms outstretched to intercede in prayer for the people there gathered, and for all Christ's Church. I am no Moses – but like him I am sworn to support my people in prayer. Every Catholic priest promises at ordination to pray faithfully the Liturgy of the Hours – a prayer not for himself but for the universal Church. Perhaps the greatest responsibility of priesthood is to pray, and priests are asked daily by people to remember them or a loved one to the Lord. I try to get the names down on a piece of paper as soon as possible, but just in case I always end my night prayers by adding, *“And for all others for whom I have been asked to pray.”*

Nor is praying for others the responsibility only of the priest. Moses was unable to keep his hands aloft in prayer unsupported – Aaron and Hur had to hold them up if Israel was to prevail. And so it is that we gather as Church each Sunday, supporting one another in common prayer, and trusting in Jesus' promise that *“Whenever two or more of you gather in my name, I am there.”* Prayer is the tenderizer of the heart, allowing the love of God to enter in and “flavor” all we say and do. Prayer is the lifeline by which we cling to God even when buffeted by storms of sorrow, darkness, and doubt. As St. Gregory the Great put it, *“When we are linked by the power of prayer, we, as it were, hold each other's hand as we walk side by side along a slippery path; and thus it comes about that the harder each leans on the other by prayer, the more we are riveted together in brotherly love.”*

Using the parable of the judge and the widow, Jesus encourages us to persist in prayer no matter what. This can be difficult, as sometimes we can feel stale or even bored with prayer. Usually this occurs when we have too narrow a view of prayer. There are in fact many ways to converse with God – petition, gratitude, contrition, praise, adoration, and others that we may each discover if we let the Holy Spirit move us. One easy way to enhance our prayer life is to imitate Jesus by using our whole bodies in prayer. Try kneeling when you pray at home, even as Jesus knelt to pray. Like Jesus, raise your eyes toward heaven when you pray. Say your private prayers out loud, even as Jesus so often prayed aloud. This last in particular can make God seem more real and present – someone with whom we are having a genuine conversation. It has the added benefit of slowing us down. Rushed prayer, is empty prayer.

Let us pray for each other!

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Rev. Mark J. Coiro  
Pastor

**WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS:** *“Let him never cease from prayer who has once begun it, be his life ever so wicked; for prayer is the way to amend it, and without prayer such amendment will be much more difficult.”* - St. Theresa of Avila

**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 NEXT WEEKEND:**

Next week's second collection supports Catholic World Missions. The funds gathered on World Mission Sunday are distributed in the pope's name by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith - a Pontifical Mission Society. Please visit [www.propfaithboston.org](http://www.propfaithboston.org) for more information.

**PARISH OFFERTORY LAST WEEKEND:**

Automatic Giving: \$ 3,279.00  
 WeShare: \$ 3,382.00  
 Offertory Envelopes  
 dropped off / mailed in: \$ 10,951.00  
 Total Offertory: \$ 17,612.00

Thank you for making up any missed weekly offertory support. The fiscal health of your parish depends on it. Kindly consider switching to Weshare or Automatic Giving. These online services allow you to maintain your support without having to remember envelopes. See: <https://stmarysholliston.com/how-to-give/>.

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>October 15</b>
5:00	Marc Levasseur
7:30	Susan Johnson
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>October 16</b>
7:30	Parishioners of St. Mary's
9:30	Daniel Maguire, 20 <sup>th</sup> Anv.
11:30	Marie Loscocco
<b>Monday</b>	<b>October 17</b>
9:00	Larry Marsell, Jr.
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>October 18</b>
9:00	Marie Loscocco
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>October 19</b>
9:00	Shirley Burrows
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>October 20</b>
9:00	Frank Mulcahy
<b>Friday</b>	<b>October 21</b>
9:00	Franco DiCenso
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>October 22</b>
5:00	Ray Moloney
7:30	Deceased Members of the Leonard and Madelene LaRosa Families
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>October 23</b>
7:30	Parishioners of St. Mary's
9:30	Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus
11:30	Deceased Members of the Zocchi and Dzerkacz Families

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16 ~ MARRIAGE**

**FELLOWSHIP EVENT:** Join St. Mary's Marriage Fellowship today from 3-5 PM to discuss some (brief!) reading related to marriage. The event will be hosted at a member's home. For the reading and address email [stmarysmarriagefellowship@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysmarriagefellowship@gmail.com). Children are welcome and activities will be provided while the adults talk.



**ALL MASSES NEXT WEEKEND ~ 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 <https://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."*

# ANNUAL TRAINING FOR NEW ALTAR SERVERS



St. Mary's youths between 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 TONIGHT, 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!



**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH  
GROUP KICK OFF, TONIGHT,  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 7:15-  
8:45 PM in Fr. Haley Hall!  
**T.G.I.F. (Teens Gather In Faith).****

All High Schoolers are welcome! High School Youth Group Kick-Off is TONIGHT, October 16 from 7:15-8:45 PM in Fr.

Haley Hall with games, snacks and mini pumpkins to paint. If you feel up to the challenge to carve a pumpkin, please bring your own 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](mailto: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!



# Blessing of the Animals

**Today - Sunday, October 16**  
**at 1:00 PM in the Lower Church.**

At this celebration the Church's Rite of the Blessing of Animals will be celebrated. 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.



# Parish Pasta Night

**Next Saturday - October 22**  
**from 6-8 PM in Fr. Haley Hall.**

**Tickets are on sale after all Masses this weekend,** October 15 and 16, and at the Religious Education Office during the week. Come join your fellow parishioners for fine Italian fare, live music and great company at this year's Pasta Dinner. 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. Mangia!

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!





**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. Please join us Wednesday, October 19, 10:00 to 11:15 AM, for the 2<sup>nd</sup> session of our six week Fall Season: “Called to Relationship”. Our topic will be “Developing a Personal Relationship with Jesus” and our speaker will be Crista Mahoney, Co-Founder of the Jesuit Connection and former WINGS speaker. Crista will explain why Catholics are called to develop a personal relationship with Jesus. Meetings are in person (9:30 for coffee) and through Zoom (10:00). Babysitting is available. For additional information about the WINGS ministry, please call Jen Schiller at 617-852-9632. To register for WINGS, email [stmaryswingssecretary@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryswingssecretary@gmail.com).

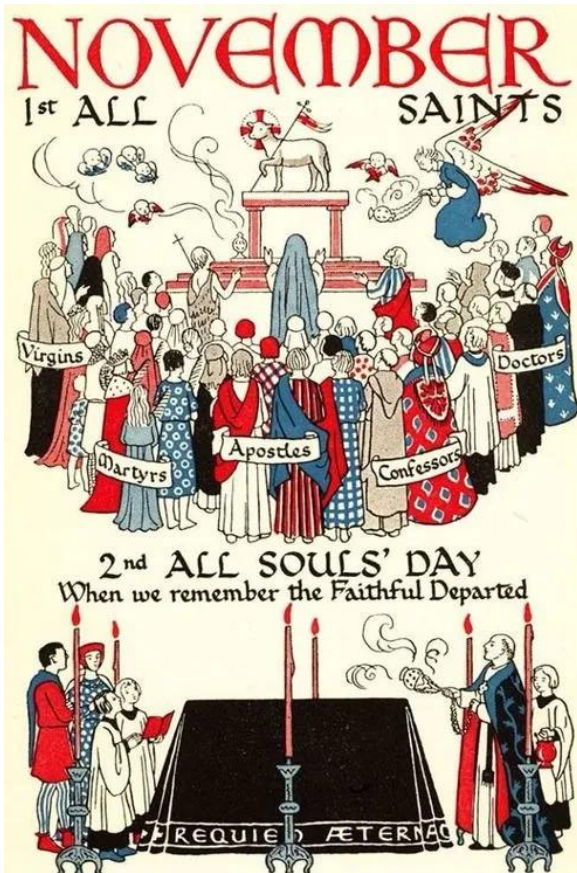
**MOM’S PRAYER GROUP:** This Tuesday, October 18, from 9:30-11 AM in Classrooms 3-4. This week we will be discussing building endurance and cultivating patience in the midst of busy family life by reading Galatians 6:9. Every week we pray together, read reflections according to the liturgical season, 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.

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

**14<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ARCHDIOCESAN JUSTICE CONVOCATION, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 10 AM - 12:30 PM:** (Virtual) “Migrants and Refugees: Who are they? Where are they?” Please join us to learn why over 100 million people in the world are on the move. Learn from Sean Callahan, President of Catholic Relief Services (CRS) about who is displaced and why. Sean has personally visited more migrants and refugees than anyone else in the world. CRS touches

the lives of over 150 million people a year. Hear from Marjean Perhot with Catholic Charities about what the Church is doing in Boston and how parishes can help. Join Cardinal Seán O’Malley as he celebrates Mass and helps us discern our personal call from Jesus to serve. You may register for free and can find more information about the Convocation, Speakers, Resources and Actions to take at our website: <https://www.bostoncatholic.org/health-and-social-services/social-justice-ministry>.



**FEAST OF ALL SAINTS ~ TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, A HOLY DAY:** Holy Day Masses will be celebrated at 9:00 AM, 5:30 & 7:00 PM. On this day the Church celebrates the Feast of All Saints – honoring and asking the prayerful intercession of all the Holy Men, Women, and Children who have gone ahead of us in faith and now live in the light of God’s presence. Some of the saints have been “declared” by the Church and their names are known to us. Most, however, are known only to God, and this day we both commemorate their holy lives and recall our own calling to become saints – holy witnesses of Christ’s love to the world.

**ALL SOULS CANDLELIGHT MASS ~ WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2:** This Special Mass at 7:00 PM will include a candlelight memorial, with a reading of the names of all those buried from our parish since All Souls last year. A candle inscribed with each name will be lit, which the family is invited to take home after the Mass. Any and all parishioners are invited to come pray for their own departed loved ones at this beautiful celebration of faith and hope.

**29<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME ~  
SAINT MONICA'S PRAYER**



That widow in Jesus' parable who kept badgering the judge to vindicate her cause - think of what she was up against. As a widow in the Ancient Near East she is without resources. Since the court of law (the city gates?) was entirely a male realm, we are to picture her as a lone woman amidst a noisy crowd of men. An oft-quoted description of Near Eastern litigation describes a raucous crowd of clients competing for the attention of a judge, who is surrounded by an array of personal clerks. Some clients gain access to the judge by supplying "fees" (bribes) to a particular clerk. The rest simply clamor. The fact that the woman is alone suggests that there is no male available in her extended family to plead her case. She is very much alone in an intimidating situation.

But if God is, as a matter of fact, not a corrupt judge unreachable through appeals to justice and compassion, why the need for persistence? What is more, the judge is described as one who neither fears God nor is capable of shame before men. Presumably, he is moved only by bribery (the sort of judge implied by Amos 5:10-13), and this woman is either unwilling or unable to use that means. The only strategy available to her is persistence - which finally gets through to the irreverent and shameless judge. The more recent New

American Bible translation (1986) does justice to Luke's language in describing the frustration of this official: "While it is true that I neither fear God nor respect any human being, because this widow keeps bothering me I shall deliver a just decision for her lest she finally come and strike me [literally, 'give me a blow under the eye']." He knows the woman is not going to give up; so he gives in.

There is no question regarding the point of this story. Luke introduces it, after all, by saying, "Jesus told his disciples a parable about the necessity for them to pray always without becoming weary." But if the woman is supposed to be an example of how to pray, why does Jesus take the risk of paralleling God with a godless, shameless judge? This startling way of making a point is an example of what rabbis called *qal ivahomer* ("light and heavy") - an argument that reasons in this way: "If it is thus in the 'tight' situation, how much more in the 'heavy'?" Jesus uses this ploy elsewhere, for example, in another teaching on prayer, when he asks, "If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good things to those who ask him" (Mt 7:11). In other words, if the unstoppable widow can, by her persistence, win vindication from an unjust and godless judge, how much more will your persistence get a response from a loving God?

But if God is, as a matter of fact, not a corrupt judge unreachable through appeals to justice and compassion, why the need for persistence? It may be that, from the human side, some situations simply require our involvement in prayer of petition over an extended time. The classic example of this is the prayer of Monica, the mother of the gifted but errant young man that the Church would eventually canonize as Saint Augustine.

In his *Confessions* Augustine acknowledges that it was the persistent prayer of his mother that facilitated his adult Christian conversion. His description of his own pre-conversion lifestyle portrays what we today may have good reason to identify as a sexual addiction. For example, in Book 8, Chapter 11, he writes of hearing the voice of Continence saying to him, "Why do you stand on yourself, and thus stand not at all? ... Cast yourself trustfully on him [the Lord]: he will receive you and he will heal you."

His conversion entailed not simply a decision to act differently but a healing from that addiction. Such things take time. In Augustine's case, it required the lifelong prayer of a famously persistent mother.

Rev. Dennis Hamm  
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**CLOW- CHILDREN K-6: CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:** Today, Sunday, October 16, the children will be dismissed from the main assembly and led to the **Lower Church Hall** to hear what Jesus has to tell them in the Gospel. Note: Younger children are welcome **but must be accompanied by their parents** and be able to sit and engage in the lesson.

**GRADE 8 SESSIONS BEGIN THIS WEEK!** Monday, October 17 at 6:00-7:30 PM and Tuesday, October 18 at 6:00-7:30 PM! Classes will be held in the Parish Center. Class assignments have been emailed. This year's student curriculum is newly formed with lessons using Sophia Institute's *Spirit of Truth*. **GRADE 9** (Year 1) students' first gathering is scheduled for Sunday, October 23 at 11:30 AM Mass. **GRADE 10** (Year 2) students' first gathering is Sunday, October 30 at 11:30 AM. Each class ends at 2:30 PM.

**CLASSES THIS WEEK**

DATE	GRADE	GRADE
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
Tues., Oct. 25	GR-3 at 4:00 PM	GR-6 at 4:00 PM

**GRADE 2 MINI-TOURS OF THE CHURCH**



**Monday, October 17**  
**Tuesday, October 18**  
**Wednesday, October 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!

**TINE ~ THE INSTITUTE FOR THE NEW EVANGELIZATION:** Learning how to speak about our Catholic faith to others is important so they will want to share the vision of the eternal with God. The **Certificate in Catholic Evangelization** classes begin on Nov. 5 and meet one Saturday a month for 6 months. To register go to this link below and see what is offered: <https://tinyurl.com/hyrhupw>.

**HOLLISTON NEWCOMERS & NEIGHBORS** is once again helping the Holliston Pantry Shelf and other local organizations that support the Holliston community provide gift cards to those in need. Many families have depended on these gift cards to make their Thanksgiving day a special one. Last year, close to 200 families were recipients of these gift cards through the Holliston Pantry Shelf or organizations such as Head Start and Wayside Youth. Continuing this tradition, we are once again asking for monetary donations to support these efforts. Please visit the HNN Donations webpage <http://www.hollistonnewcomers.org/donations> and select "Thanksgiving" or if you would prefer to mail your donation, please send a check made out to *Holliston Newcomers & Neighbors to Katrine Giroux, 147 Mohawk Path, Holliston MA 01746* and note that it is for Thanksgiving.

**Holliston Newcomers & Neighbors**  
**THANKSGIVING 2022 DONATION**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your check out to Holliston Newcomers & Neighbors and note on the check that your donation is for Thanksgiving.

**We appreciate your donation!**

Please mail your check along with this certificate to:  
 Katrine Giroux  
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We are also collecting handmade **THANKSGIVING CARDS** which can be dropped off at 922 Highland Street, Holliston - a bin will be at the front door.

Please submit your donation or drop off your cards by Sunday, November 13, 2022.