

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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Website: www.stmarysholliston.com
Email Address: St.marys1870@gmail.com
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 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!

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

HURRICANE RELIEF EMERGENCY

COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND: \$1,614.00.

You may still donate for Hurricane Relief through WeShare, or by writing "Hurricane Relief," on an envelope, with the check made out to St. Mary's.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND:

This 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 for more information.

PARISH OFFERTORY LAST WEEKEND:

Automatic Giving: \$ 3,357.00
 WeShare: \$ 2,902.00
 Offertory Envelopes
 dropped off / mailed in: \$ 5,045.00
 Total Offertory: \$ 11,304.00



Weekly Need: \$ 15,000.00

Shortfall - \$ 3,696.00

**KINDLY 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/>.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday	October 22
5:00	Ray Moloney
7:30	Deceased Members of the Leonard and Madelene LaRosa Families
Sunday	October 23
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
Monday	October 24
9:00	Joseph R. Palladino
Tuesday	October 25
9:00	Robert and Catherine Palmer
Wednesday	October 26
9:00	Sandra Zair
Thursday	October 27
9:00	Dan Durgin and Family (Living)
Friday	October 28
9:00	Veronica Zwalinski
Saturday	October 29
5:00	Henry Woods, Sr.
7:30	Fran and Agnes Hickey
Sunday	October 30
7:30	Parishioners of St. Mary's
9:30	Winfred Chase
11:30	Elizabeth Walker Macleod

**BABY SHOWER FOR
 THE UNBORN:**

This weekend at all Masses. Please place your donations of new baby items 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. The carriage will also be in front of the Respect Life Board in the Parish Center Lobby through next weekend. Thank you for supporting families and babies in their time of need! Learn more at www.pregnancyhelpboston.org.

**NEWSLETTER COLLATING TOMORROW:**

Please join us this Monday, October 24 from 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM in Father Haley Hall to assist in our collating of the November Newsletter. All are welcome and needed! Enjoy the November Newsletter in color now at: <https://stmarysholliston.com/monthly-newsletters/>.



From the Pastor's Desk

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

This weekend we celebrate World Mission Sunday, a day that always reminds me of St. Theresa of Lisieux – patroness of my very first parish and also patroness of the Missions. Theresa longed to carry the Gospel to distant lands but was prevented from doing so by poor health. Instead, she dedicated herself to a life of prayer, corresponding with missionaries and constantly remembering them to the Lord. Like Theresa, most of us will not carry the Word of God to foreign places firsthand, but we all have a responsibility to support those who give their lives over to this important work. We do so in part by the annual Propagation of the Faith collection taken up this weekend, but also by fostering vocations to the Missions and by asking God's good grace upon all missionaries through prayer. In a very real sense, we are all missionaries – bearing the love of Christ into our homes, our workplaces, and into the lives of everyone we meet. I remain personally grateful to the people of this parish, who in so many simple but significant ways make the presence of Christ known to me.

In His Service and Yours,

Rev. Mark J. Coiro



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 26, from 10:00 to 11:15 AM, for the third session of our six-week Fall Season "Called to Relationship." Our topic is "The Church as Community" and our featured speaker will be Kelly Meraw, Director of Collaborative Pastoral Care, St. John-St. Paul Collaborative in Wellesley. Kelly will help us appreciate the importance of living in right relationship with our local parish church and our universal church. Meetings are in person and through Zoom. For additional information about the WINGS ministry, please call Jen Schiller at 617-852-9632. To register for WINGS, please email:

stmaryswingssecretary@gmail.com.

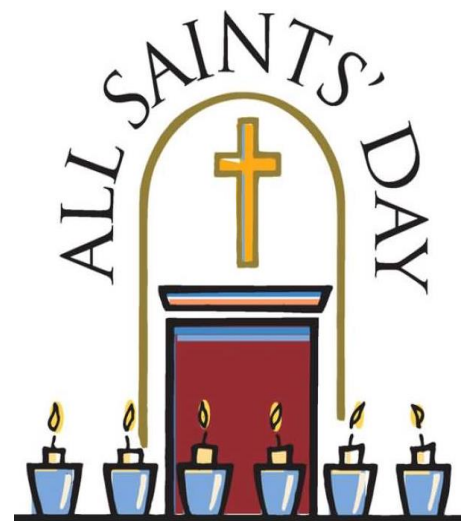
MOM'S PRAYER GROUP: This Tuesday, October 25, from 9:30-11 AM we will be discussing marriage and the relationship between husband and wife as we read Colossians 3:18. Also, we will be hosting the event offsite at our home. Guests can email me for the address. Every week we pray together, read reflections 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!

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS ~ TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: 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.



**NOVENA FOR THE HOLY SOULS
IN PURGATORY
AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH:**

WHEN: Beginning Sunday night November 6 at 7:00 PM, the Novena will continue on Monday through Friday evenings at 7:00 PM, Saturday, November 12 at 9:00 AM, Sunday evening, November 13 at 7:00 PM, and concludes Monday evening, November 14 at 7:00 PM. Each Novena service will take about 20 minutes.

WHY: Praying for the Holy Souls in Purgatory is rooted in Sacred Scripture (2 Maccabees 12:42-46) and the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 1030-1032). As Roman Catholics, we have a duty to pray for

the "Church Suffering" in Purgatory especially since they cannot pray for themselves. Our prayers of supplication not only help ALL souls of ALL faiths but it increases our own personal faith formation as Roman Catholics.

WHO: All St. Mary parishioners are invited. The novena will be led by deacon Ron Dowding and our council.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven 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 and Ginny Vatele at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://www.mema.org/>. As Fall winds down, look for the inner beauty and dignity of your spouse. Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience together: November 11-13, at Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington, NY (On Long Island) and November 18-20, at a location TBD in Connecticut.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP MEETING ~ SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6: Join us from 6:30 – 8 PM in Fr. Haley Hall. Our November Meeting we will have a beautiful prayer service for our beloved departed and there will be signups for the November 11, All Day Paintball Trip. Signups will also take place for the 7th Grade BINGO Night Trip to St. Patrick Manor. All 6th, 7th, & 8th Graders are invited to join us for faith, friendship, service and fun!



T.G.I.F.:

(Teens Gather In Faith) had their first kick-off meeting this past weekend! It was a blast, full of pumpkin



painting, face the cookie, apple cider donuts, and a faith-filled discussion led by seniors, Josie Quinn and Caroline Brady. (Thank you, seniors, for dedicating your time to speak and share!) Coming up next, we have teen bonfire night on Saturday, November 12 from 6-8 PM to sign up for bonfire night-follow this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094DA4AD22A0FB6-tgif>. If you were unable to make our first meeting, please do not hesitate to come along for the bonfire night, and join us for our Thanksgiving meeting on Sunday, November 20 which will be a time for fun, friendship, faith, and a special service activity in FHH from 7:15-8:45 PM. For more information or any questions, please reach out to Theresa at stmarysYM1870@gmail.com. All high schoolers are 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.

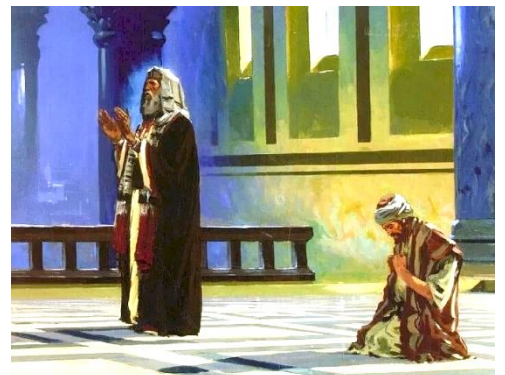
THE ROSE FOR LIFE: Is sponsored this week by the Koval Family. Please join them in prayer for an unborn child.

PANTRY SHELF HELP: Regular coffee, applesauce, cereal and snacks for kids' lunches. Please drop off in the blue bin by the main parking lot entrance.

GOSPEL COMMENTARY: Today's Gospel parable presents two contrasting types of attitudes and prayer: The Pharisee, who brags of his meticulous and external fulfilment of the Law, taking "up his position and spoke this prayer to himself, 'O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity — greedy, dishonest, adulterous — or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, and I pay tithes on my whole income'; and the tax collector, or publican looked on as a public sinner (cf. Lk 19:7), who "stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.'"

The Pharisee's prayer was not pleasing to God. Although he begins thanking God, it is not an authentic gratitude because his prayer is more of a boastful enumeration of his merits and good works. Worse still, he compares himself to others, despising them: a proclamation of his self-righteousness which has its root in pride which made him incapable of acknowledging his sins and thus loses the possibility of being pardoned by God. On the other hand, the publican approached God aware of his unworthiness and repentant for his sins. His humble attitude and prayer won God's heart, praise and forgiveness as well.

Let us ask God for the indispensable virtue of humility if we want to live for God and if we want God to live in us. Let us ask for this virtue so that we and our prayers would be pleasing to God. *"If you ask me what is the essential thing in the religion and discipline of Jesus Christ, I shall reply: first humility, second humility and third humility."* (St. Augustine, Letter 118). Why? Because humility is the foundation, the basis of all virtues, including that of love. Humility is the foundation of love, the habitat of charity. "I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."



Boston Marian

CONFERENCE

Nov. 12th thru Nov. 13th

A grace filled weekend you will not want to miss!

Has it been awhile since you opened
your heart to God in prayer?

...come, you are welcome to hear and know His Love for you,
through His Son, Jesus and His Mother, Mary.
Encounter Him in your heart and mind this weekend!

Do you think Jesus still does miracles today and never
abandons us in our sufferings?

...come, you will hear amazing witnesses who attest to the
Truth of Jesus' Great Mercy, Love and Forgiveness...

Come and encounter

...listen, be strengthened, and renewed in your faith.
Jesus is waiting to fill you with His grace
and so is Mary, His Mother!

"I realized I wasn't alone in carrying my cross,
the healing prayers and talks brought me so much
closer to Jesus and Mary!"

~ 2021 Participant

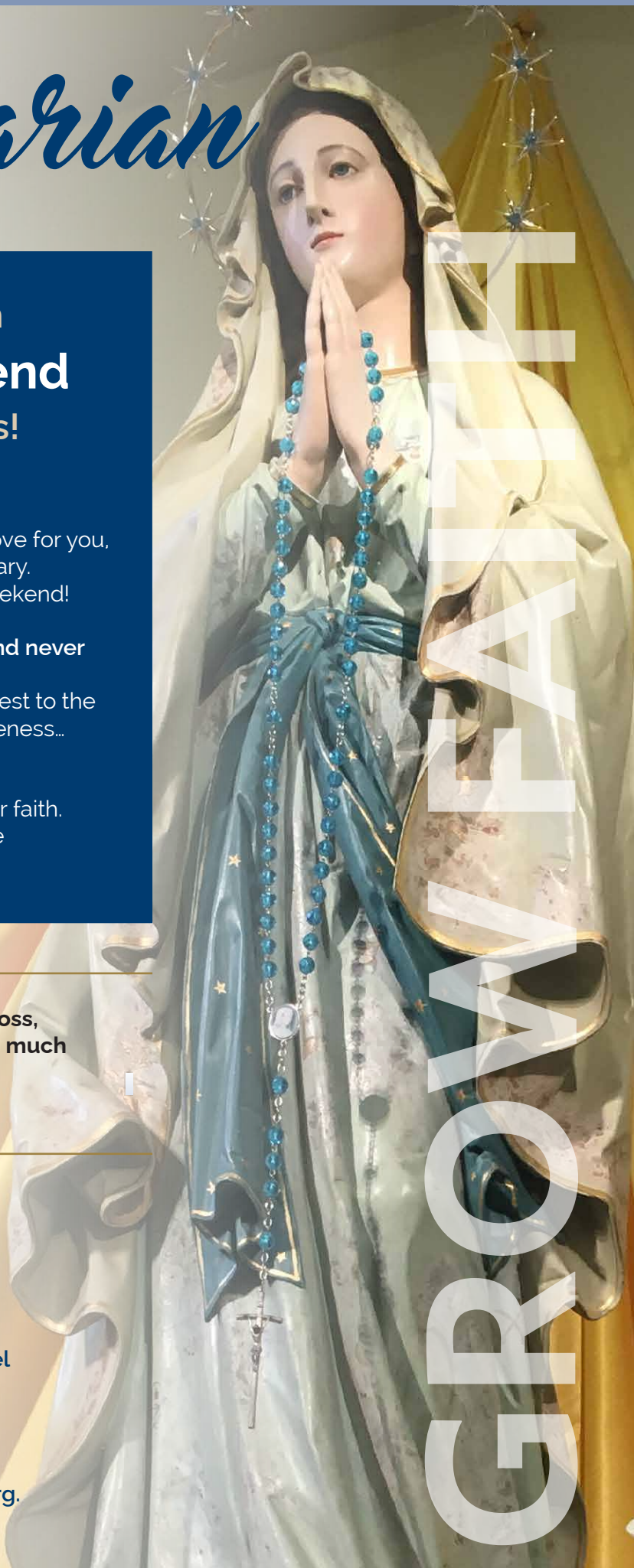
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November, 12-13, 2022
Boston Quincy Marriott Hotel
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BOSTON MARIAN CONFERENCE SPEAKERS



Very Rev. Chris Alar, MIC, Provincial Superior of the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception is author of the best selling book *"After Suicide: There's Hope for Them and You"*, Producer of *"Divine Mercy 101"* and *"Explaining the Faith"* series, host and guest of EWTN. Fr. Alar will speak on both days!



James Wahlberg, Executive Director of the Mark Wahlberg Youth Foundation, has worked in and around the addiction recovery field for 30 years. His personal experiences with addiction recovery and faith will undoubtedly strengthen and give hope to those who feel hopeless!



Ivan Dragicevic is one of the six visionaries from Medjugorje in Bosnia-Herzegovina whose lives were dramatically changed when they saw their first apparition of Our Lady on the Hill of Mt. Podbrdo on June 24 of 1981. He will share his profound experiences with us!



Fr. Antonio Musa, OFM, was raised only 20 miles from the Medjugorje area where he visited many times during his childhood. His talk will inspire many as he shares how he was called to a religious life!



Rev. Dr. Tom Thomas, M.S.F.S., will share the experiences he had while on a pilgrimage to Medjugorje, where Our Lady guided him to change the path of his studies as a College Administrator, to a new path that ministers to Priests and Religious in their vocations.



Maria Vargo, singer/songwriter, actress, producer, director and has performed as St. Faustina in a one woman North American tour performing over 300 shows!



Artie Boyle / Kevin Gill / Rob Griffin
An ultimate quest for a miracle brought Kevin and Rob to bring their friend Artie to Medjugorje. Their talk will bring to life in a new way the amazing events that took place - you will not want to miss this!



Ann Vucic was born in a village two miles from Medjugorje, Bosnia-Herzegovina. Her family left communist Yugoslavia when she was 2 years old and settled in Chicago. In the summer of 1981 at the age of 15, she returned to her homeland for a visit and witnessed the early days and months of Our Lady's apparitions in Medjugorje.



Colleen & John Willard Conference MC & Speakers, will touch your hearts as they share of her miraculous healing upon receiving Holy Communion in Medjugorje and subsequent visit to the Shrine of the Holy Innocents in Stockbridge, MA would change their lives and the lives of many! "When the Lord heals, he even goes deeper!"



Linda Smarto is the Executive Director for the National Association for Down syndrome and has served as support parent and public speaker and on the staff of NADS since 2010.

Her daughter, **Julia** will share her personal story that has captivated thousands over the years!



Anna Nuzzo is an acclaimed Int'l Singer, Songwriter and Recording Artist known for elevating prayer through her music.

And, a special guest speaker you won't want to miss!



Register for the event, view the captivating schedule, and read more about our speakers.

November, 12-13, 2022
Boston Quincy Marriott Hotel
1000 Marriott Road, Quincy, MA

Scan the QR code or visit
bostonmarianconference.org

CLOW- CHILDREN K-6: CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: Today, Sunday, October 23, 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.

TODAY! GRADE 9 (Year 1) students' first gathering is scheduled for Sunday, October 23 at 11:30 AM Mass. **NEXT WEEK! GRADE 10** (Year 2) students' first gathering is Sunday, October 30 at 11:30 AM Mass. Each class ends at 2:30 PM.

CLASSES THIS WEEK

DATE	GRADE	GRADE
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
Weds., Oct. 26	GR-2 at 4:15 PM	GR-7 at 6:00 PM
Sun., Oct. 30	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-7 at 5:00 PM	GR-10 at 11:30 AM
Tues., Nov. 1	GR-4 at 4:00 PM	GR-5 at 4:00 PM

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 Saturday, Nov. 5 and meet one Saturday a month for 6 months. To register go to the link below and see what is offered:

<https://tinyurl.com/hyrhhupw>.



GRADE 2 INSCRIPTION MASS ~ NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30 AT 4:00 PM

Families are to be in the church no later than 3:45 PM to be seated. The Mass begins promptly at 4:00 PM. Families are assigned pews with their teachers. All Grade 2 children will present their hearts to Jesus. The paper hearts will be on view in the church for the parish community to view and pray for the children preparing for their First Penance and First Holy Communion.

MONITORS ARE NEEDED: **GR-2 / 3** on alternate Sunday mornings from 8:10 to 9:25 AM; **GR-4 / 5** on alternate Sundays from 10:45 AM to 12:15 PM; **GR-6** on alternate Sundays 4:00 to 5:30 PM; **GR-7** on alternate Sundays from 5:00 to 6:30 PM; **GR-8** on alternate Mondays / Tuesdays from 6 – 7:30 PM. Please call 429-6076 for information.

HOLLISTON NEWCOMERS & NEIGHBORS: Again this year the Holliston Pantry Shelf and other local organizations that support the Holliston community are asked to provide gift cards to those in need. Many families depend on these gift cards for their Thanksgiving Day dinner. Last year, 200 families were recipients of these gift cards through the Holliston Pantry Shelf and organizations such as Head Start and Wayside Youth. Let us continue this tradition and support these families in need. Please visit the HNN Donations webpage <http://www.hollistonnewcomers.org/donations>.

HOLLISTON NEWCOMERS AND NEIGHBORS THANKSGIVING 2022 DONATION CERTIFICATE

Your Name: _____

Your Address: _____

Please make check payable to: **Holliston Newcomers and Neighbors** and that this is for the **"Thanksgiving Food Drive"**. Please mail your check along with this certificate to:

Katrine Giroux
147 Mohawk Path
Holliston, MA 01746

We appreciate your donation for this worthy cause.



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**.