

A Prayer for My Parish

Almighty God, my parish family is composed of people like me. I help make it what it is.

It will be friendly, if I am. Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them.

It will do great work, if I work. It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver.

It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship, if I invite and bring them.

It will be a parish family of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, and a parish with a noble spirit, if I - who make it what it is - am filled with these same qualities.

Therefore, with the help of God, I will dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want my parish family to be.

Amen.



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
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

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday	November 5
5:00	Deceased Members of the Moraski Family
7:30	Kathleen Smith
Sunday	November 6
7:30	Parishioners of St. Mary's
9:30	Stephen Mulcahy, 14 th Anv.
11:30	Patrick McDonald
Monday	November 7
9:00	Leona Phelan, 2 nd Anv.
Tuesday	November 8
9:00	Gertrude Beaudoin
Wednesday	November 9
9:00	Edwina A. Moore, 38 th Anv.
Thursday	November 10
9:00	John Lawrence Daly
Friday	November 11
9:00	Deceased Veterans
Saturday	November 12
5:00	Thomas Fleming
7:30	Deceased Members of the D'Agostino and Kadlec Families
Sunday	November 13
7:30	Parishioners of St. Mary's
9:30	Michael Owens
11:30	Paul Meehan

TODAY'S BULLETIN COVER PHOTO: The exterior church repairs and painting being carried out include repairs to the gable holding up St. Mary's Washington Street side lower gold cross. As you can see, it was in very bad condition.

DONUTS, JUICE & COFFEE: The Welcoming Committee invites all parishioners and their families to stop into Fr. Haley Hall after the 9:30 AM Mass TODAY, Sunday, November 6, for donuts, juice and coffee!

ST. MARY'S WOMEN'S GROUP: Will meet this Wednesday, November 9 in the Library from Noon until 2:00 PM for our Monthly Meeting. Come and enjoy a social afternoon. All are welcome!

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

WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS: *"If we wish to serve God and love our neighbor well, we must manifest our joy in the service we render to Him and them. Let us open wide our hearts. It is joy which invites us. Press forward and fear nothing."*
 - St. Katharine Drexel



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

PARISH OFFERTORY LAST WEEKEND:

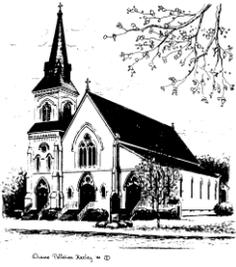
Automatic Giving:	\$ 4,462.00
WeShare:	\$ 3,677.00
Offertory Envelopes dropped off / mailed in:	\$ 7,588.00
Total Offertory:	\$ 15,727.00

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/>.



NEXT WEEKEND - 2022 Grand Annual Kick Off:
 The Grand Annual is the single most important collection for our parish each year. Combined with the weekly offertory, it allows St. Mary's to cover her operating costs.

Please carefully review the Grand Annual information provided by the Finance Council, and return your gold Grand Annual envelope next weekend or as soon thereafter as you can. Thank You!



Saint Mary's Parish

8 Church St. ~ Holliston, MA ~ 01746 ~ (508) 429-4427

November, 2022

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

For the past 62 years, St. Mary's, Holliston has relied on the Grand Annual – a once a year special collection that goes entirely toward parish operating costs. In combination with the weekly offertory, the Grand Annual allows St. Mary's to pay her bills and maintain her four buildings, three of which are over 100 years old.

As you know, the Grand Annual always takes place in November. The 2022 St. Mary's Grand Annual Collection is Veteran's Day Weekend – November 12 & 13. The goal is \$150,000 – the same as the 2020 and 2021 Grand Annuals, which despite the pandemic were both achieved.

The single largest facilities items covered by this year's Grand Annual are the exterior painting of the church, and the repair / refurbishment of the two Parish Center bathrooms. The church exterior has many peeling areas, and some rotting wood. Recently an ornamental rosette literally fell off the church. Also, holes in the exterior frame of the rectory side church transept window are now so large that sparrows are nesting in them. All peeling paint will be scraped and redone, and all damaged wood will be replaced. This includes work on the outside of the upper church tower. The total is \$35,355.00. This work was begun on October 12, 2022.

The upstairs and downstairs Parish Center bathrooms last underwent major work in 1995. Since then, spot repairs have been done and new toilets installed. But after almost thirty years the floors, walls, counters, and fixtures are now in pretty rough shape – especially downstairs. Both bathrooms will be fully repaired to be modern, clean, and comfortable for our parishioners' use. The total is \$74,900.00

The remaining Grand Annual amount is applied to staff salaries (\$39,745).

Since successfully paying off the last of her \$1.2 million loan debts in the fall of 2010, St. Mary's has been able to pay her bills and remains debt free. Your generous support of St. Mary's 2022 Grand Annual will assure that the hard-won financial health of our parish continues. We realize that these current economic times are difficult for many. But if we all do what we can according to our means, then the 2022 Grand Annual will be a success. Thank you in advance for your generosity. And thank you for the many ways you personally help to build up our beautiful parish family.

Sincerely,

The St. Mary's Finance Council

Kim Latifi

Kevin O'Connell

Dianne McDermott Roy

Ron Pipe

Kevin Diamond

2022 Grand Annual Breakdown:

\$35,355.00 - Church exterior wood repairs and repainting.

\$74,900.00 - Repair and refurbishment of both the upstairs and downstairs Parish Center bathrooms.

\$39,745 - Staff Salaries. The eight men and women of St. Mary's Staff are hardworking, dedicated individuals. This portion of the Grand Annual will go toward their salaries.

HOW TO MAKE YOUR 2022 GRAND ANNUAL GIFT

Please carefully review the Grand Annual information provided to you by the St. Mary's Finance Council on the previous page.

Pray about it and **decide as a family** what gift you can make according to the means with which God has blessed you.

If you have children, make them aware of your Grand Annual support so that they can learn good stewardship by your example.

If possible, **please return next weekend, November 12 & 13**, the gold Grand Annual envelope you will soon receive. Or return it as soon as possible thereafter. It may be mailed to 8 Church Street or dropped off through the Rectory Office Door Slot at that same address. You may also place it in the wooden offertory boxes at Mass.

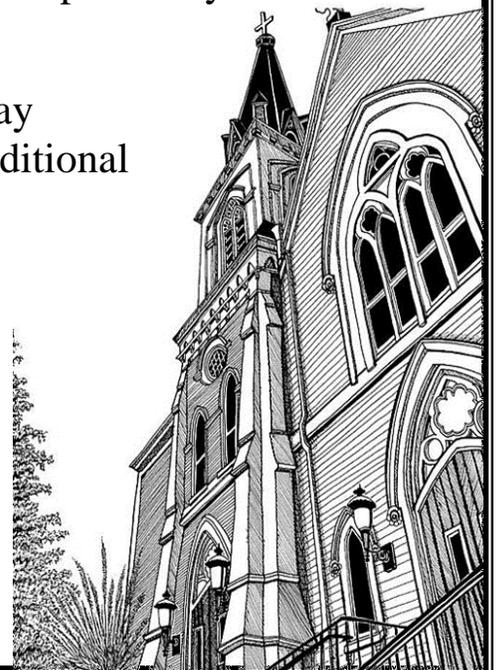
It is important that the special gold envelope, or an envelope clearly marked "Grand Annual" be used.

For those using Automatic Giving or WeShare, you may designate your Grand Annual support as a separate, additional offering.

Thank you for doing your part to support this essential annual stewardship effort!

"Every person shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD your God which He has given you."

DT 16:17





PHOTOS OF A FEW OF THE 2022 GRAND ANNUAL ITEMS

- A – Church rosettes, missing and damaged.**
- B – Church exterior damage.**
- C – Church window frame damage with sparrow nests.**
- D – Parish Center Bathroom walls and fixtures damage**
- E – Bathroom floor damage.**

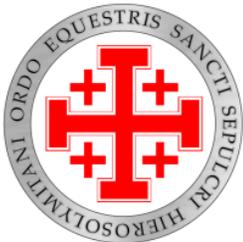
MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP MEETING ~ TONIGHT, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6:

Join us from 6:30 – 8 PM in Fr. Haley Hall. At 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): Come join us for 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>. We need an accurate headcount for food so please rsvp by November 10! If you were unable to make our first meeting, please do not hesitate to come along for the Bonfire Night. Then join us for our Thanksgiving Meeting on Sunday, November 20, from 7:15-8:45 PM in FHH, which will be a time for fun, friendship, faith, and a special service activity. Sign-ups for our December Ice Skating Trip will be due at this meeting! Check your mail for sign up forms and information. 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 information, please contact Deacon Ron Dowding at 508-429-3961.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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

I am away in New Hampshire this weekend to take part in the annual Investiture and Promotion Ceremonies of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem. This year we look forward to the Investiture of three St. Mary's Parishioners - Kristin Roberto, Jennifer Schiller, and Thomas Brodo. Four current Members of the Order will also be promoted - Brendan Cavalier,

Sue Cote, Kim Latifi, and Tony Nunes. I congratulate them all on their faithful participation in the Order's Mission. Let us all pray and work for peace in the Holy Land, and together support our Christian brothers and sisters in the land of Our Saviour's birth.

Rev. Mark J. Coiro KCHS

MORE NEW ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED!

The Training of New Altar Servers begins TODAY, Sunday, November 6 from 2:30 – 4 PM in the church. We are very grateful to the youth who have already signed up, but **we need to add about six more boys and girls to this Fall Class** to make sure all Masses are fully covered, including Christmas. Any parish youth currently in Grades 4-12 may study to become an Altar Server. Just email Patty Baribeau that you are coming at st.marys.altarserver@gmail.com. Or just show up. Your parish needs you!

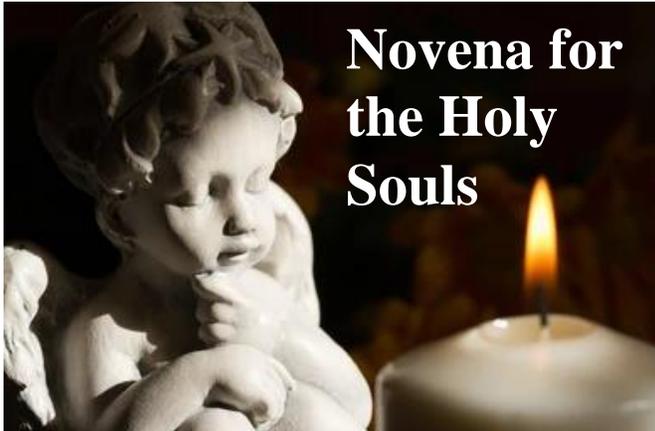
“The altar server occupies a privileged place in the liturgical celebration. He who serves at Mass, presents himself to a community. He experiences firsthand that Jesus Christ is present and active in every liturgical act. You are much more than simple helpers of the parish priest. Above all, you are servers of Jesus Christ, of the eternal High Priest. Thus, you, altar servers, are called in particular to be young friends of Jesus. Be determined to go deeper and to cultivate this friendship with him. You will discover that in Jesus you have found a true friend for life.” - Pope Saint John Paul II



**KEEP
CALM
AND**

**BECOME AN
ALTAR SERVER**

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE: Through the month of November, traditionally referred to as the “Month of the Holy Souls” the Book of Remembrance will be in front of the Baptismal Font and Easter Candle in the church. You are invited to write the names of your own departed loved ones in the book. Their intentions will then be included in all the Masses celebrated at St. Mary’s during November. May God welcome them into the light and perfect peace of His presence. The Book was put out as part of our All Souls Mass this past Wednesday, November 2, and will be available all month.



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

WHEN: Beginning tonight, 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. Every day of the Novena will be streamed live on the St. Mary’s Church Holliston Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/SaintMarysChurchHollistonLive/>. Each day of the Novena will be recorded and can be viewed at any time on the same page.

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 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 Knights of Columbus Council.



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 on Wednesday, November 9, from 10 – 11:15 AM for the fifth session of our six-week Fall Season “Called to Relationship.” Our topic is “Family as the Domestic Church” and our speaker will be Ron Dowding, Deacon, St. Mary’s Parish Holliston. Deacon Ron will help us to recognize how Catholic families – the Domestic Church – can live in right relationship with God and one another, drawing on his experience as a Deacon and Catholic husband and father. Meetings are in person and through Zoom. Babysitting is provided. For more information call Jennifer Schiller at 617-852-9632 or Diane Collins 508-259-7795, or email stmaryswingssecretary@gmail.com.

MOM’S PRAYER GROUP: This Tuesday, November 8, from 9:30 – 11 AM we will be looking at Proverbs 27:9 and talking about the importance of faith-filled friendships. 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!

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on 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 Vattelle 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 in CT.

HOLLISTON PANTRY SHELF HELP: Regular coffee, 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.

CLOW- CHILDREN K-6: CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: Today, Sunday, November 6, the children will remain in the church with Deacon Ron and learn what Jesus teaches us in the Gospel reading.



The Knights of Columbus Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

The contest is open to all youth between the ages of 5-14. There are three age groups: ages 5-7, ages 8-10, and ages 11-14. The suggested poster size is 11x14 inches. Each poster must be submitted with an entry form by **December 15, 2022**. There are council prizes for winners. Winners will enter State Council Contest. **Entry forms are available in the Grades K-7 Religious Education Office or can be downloaded from <http://kofc14224.org/#kofclinks>.** For more information, please contact Fran Crespi or Council Knight Nick Calapa.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS NATIVITY: Families with children in Grades 1- 4 will receive sign up forms by email inviting their children to participate in the Christmas Nativity at the 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Vigil Mass. The three rehearsals are scheduled for Saturday **12/3, 12/10** and **12/17**. Completed sign up forms must be submitted by Friday, November 18 to: Debra Frey, 615 Winter Street, Holliston MA 01746 or by email to SpecialInnkeeper1224@gmail.com.

CLASSES THIS WEEK

DATE	GRADE	GRADE
Sun., Nov. 6	PRE-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	
Mon., Nov. 7	GR-8 at 6:00 PM	
Tues., Nov. 8	GR-3 at 4:00 PM	GR-6 at 4:00 PM
	GR-8 at 6:00 PM	
Weds., Nov. 9	GR-2 at 4:15 PM	GR-7 at 6:00 PM
Sun., Nov 13	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	GR-9 at 11:30 AM

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 or Tuesdays from 6 – 7:30 PM. Please call 429-6076 for information.



MINISTRY FAIR: For All **Grade 3** students on Monday, November 14 at 4:00 PM in Fr. Haley Hall.

VIRTUS – EMPOWERING GOD’S CHILDREN (EGC) NEW SAFETY PROGRAM: The Boston Archdiocese has rolled out a new Safety Program for 2023 for Grades K-12. Parents can view the program at: www.VIRTUSonline.org. Enter the **User Name:** Parent_Boston and then the **Password:** EGCBoston1. When you are in the landing page click on the **education tab** at the top. You can view the Lesson plans for Grades K – 12. Please take the time to view this program before the scheduled safety classes begin in January through March 2023.

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>. 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**.

**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.

