



# 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!

**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:**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>November 12</b>
5:00	Thomas Fleming
7:30	Deceased Members of the D'Agostino and Kadlec Families
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>November 13</b>
7:30	Parishioners of St. Mary's
9:30	Michael Owens
11:30	Paul Meehan
<b>Monday</b>	<b>November 14</b>
9:00	Taylor Campbell
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>November 15</b>
9:00	John Lawrence Daly
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>November 16</b>
9:00	James Conclin
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>November 17</b>
9:00	Roy Salvi
<b>Friday</b>	<b>November 18</b>
9:00	Paul T. Shea
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>November 19</b>
5:00	Vincent Scaduto, 36 <sup>th</sup> Anv.
7:30	Jackie Mansfield
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>November 20</b>
7:30	Parishioners of St. Mary's
9:30	John Desmond McHugh
11:30	Dolores Triquet and Dolores Wilverding



**STEWARDSHIP**

*Managing God's Gifts To Us*

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND:**

For Retired Women Religious (nuns). Please give generously in recognition of the important role religious sisters have had in the Archdiocese of Boston.

**PARISH OFFERTORY LAST WEEKEND:**

Automatic Giving: \$ 5,044.00  
 WeShare: \$ 4,561.00  
 Offertory Envelopes  
 dropped off / mailed in: \$ 7,958.00  
 Total Offertory: \$ 17,563.00

May God bless you for your faithful stewardship!

**THIS 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 the gold Grand Annual envelope you received in the mail this weekend or as soon thereafter as you can. Thank You!

\* Gold Grand Annual Envelopes may be mailed in, dropped off through the Rectory Office Door Mail-slot, or placed in the wooden collection boxes at Mass. Please keep Grand Annual gifts separate from regular weekly offertory support. If not using the Gold Envelope, please make sure that whatever envelope you use is clearly labelled 2022 Grand Annual. Thank you!





## From the Pastor's Desk ~

Dear Members of the St. Mary's Parish Family: Today Jesus tries to prepare His disciples - including us - for a challenging future. People were remarking about how the temple was adorned with beautiful stones and with gifts dedicated to God. But Jesus said, *"As for what you see here, the time will come when not one stone will be left on another; every one of them will be thrown down."* Jesus predicted that the temple would soon lay in ruins. And it was utterly destroyed in 70 AD by the Romans. All earthly things are passing, even the mightiest of human edifices. Only the love of God is eternal, and so we place our trust and hope in Him.

*"They will lay hands on you and persecute you. They will deliver you to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors, all on account of my name. And this will result in your being witnesses to them."* Jesus predicted His disciples would suffer great persecution, and they have. But He also promises that God will make it so that our trials become a source of grace for us and of conversion for those who witness our fidelity. *"All men will hate you because of me,"* Jesus says, *"but not a hair of your head will perish. By standing firm you will gain life."* This is Jesus' great comfort for us in challenging times. That by His grace our trials will temper, not shatter us. And that we will share in His final victory over suffering and death.

Are you going through a rough time right now? Have things you thought secure like health, finances, or a relationship suddenly started to fray or come apart? Turn to the Lord, and ask Him to keep you true, to join your sufferings to His own that they might be redemptive. We should not view hard times as the absence of the Lord Who in fact told us to expect them. Rather, we should invoke His divine assistance and pray the prayer that never fails. "Thy will be done."

God bless you.



*God has not promised skies always blue,  
Flower-strewn pathways all our lives through;  
God has not promised sun without rain,  
Joy without sorrow, peace without pain.*

*But God has promised strength for the day,  
Rest for the labor, light for the way,  
Grace for the trials, help from above,  
Unfailing kindness, undying love.*

**THANKSGIVING DAY MASS:** Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 AM Thursday, November 24. Please bring an item of food that will be part of your Thanksgiving meal to be blessed, and then take it home with you for your family table. A collection will be taken at Mass and donated to the Holliston Food Pantry. Mass will be followed by coffee and doughnuts in Fr. Haley Hall.

**ADVENT IS COMING!** Advent, the start of a New Year in the Church, starts the Sunday after next on November 27. Watch the special Advent & Christmas mailing you will soon receive to learn about all the spiritual offerings offered at St. Mary's during this season of preparation for the Coming of the Lord!

**GIVE A GIFT:** December 3 & 4 at all Masses. Please bring an article of new clothing and a new toy, unwrapped together in a plain bag or gift bag with a tag stating "Boy" or "Girl" and size or age up to age 18. No adult gifts please. All items go to needy families in Boston through two inner city parishes.

**WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS:** *"Do not fear what may happen tomorrow. The same loving Father who cares for you today will care for you tomorrow and every day. Either He will shield you from suffering, or He will give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace, then, and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginings."* - Saint Francis de Sales





**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, November 16, 10 – 11:15 AM for the last session of our six-week Fall Season “Called to Relationship.” Our speaker is Sr. Dorothea Masuret, CSJ, former WINGS speaker and our topic is “The Gift of Contemplative Prayer.” Sr. Dorothea Masuret, CSJ, received a Master’s Degree in Pastoral Ministry with a concentration in Spirituality from Boston College. For many years she served in the Office for Pastoral Ministries in the Archdiocese of Boston, providing opportunities for ongoing spiritual formation and pastoral outreach. She will lead us through a reflection on “How to better relate to God, myself, and others.” Meetings are in person and through Zoom. Babysitting is provided. For more information call Jennifer Schiller at 617-852-9632 or Diane Collins at 508-259-7795 or email [stmaryswingssecretary@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryswingssecretary@gmail.com).

**ST. MARY’S MARRIAGE FELLOWSHIP:** Join the St. Mary's Marriage Fellowship next Sunday, November 20 for a family-based service project making holiday crafts for the Holliston Senior Center and sign up for holiday baking for the seniors. We will meet in Father Haley Hall from 1-4 PM. Children are welcome. Stop by for as long as you're able! Email [stmarysmarriagefellowship@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysmarriagefellowship@gmail.com) to RSVP.

**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.

**T.G.I.F (Teens Gather In Faith):** What is up next for T.G.I.F? Join us for our Thanksgiving meeting next 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. Sign-ups for our December Ice Skating Trip will be due at this meeting! Check your mail for these sign-up forms and information! Any questions, please reach out to Theresa at [stmarysYM1870@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysYM1870@gmail.com). All high schoolers are welcome!

**MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP:** Our next Meeting is Sunday, December 4 from 6:30 – 8 PM in the Parish Center. There will be faith, friendship, fun and signups for the December 16 Caroling, Pizza Party, Christmas Lights Trip and the January 13 Snow Tubing Trip! Any and all 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Graders are invited. Bring a friend!



## MORE NEW ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED!

The Training of New Altar Servers continues TODAY, Sunday, November 13 from 3:30 –5 PM in the church. We are very grateful to the ten 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](mailto:st.marys.altarserver@gmail.com). Or just show up today. Your parish needs you!



*“With special joy I address you altar servers! Your commitment to the altar is not only a duty but a great honor, a true holy service. The vestments worn by altar servers are very special. They recall a garment that everyone puts on when he is welcomed, in Jesus Christ, into the community. I am referring to the baptismal garment whose deep meaning is explained by St Paul: ‘For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ’ (Gal 3,27). Even though you no longer fit into your baptismal garment, dear altar servers, you have put on that of an altar server. Yes, Baptism is the starting point of your authentic liturgical service. The altar server has a privileged place in liturgical celebrations. Those who serve at Mass present themselves to a community. They experience from close at hand*

*that Jesus Christ is present and active in every liturgy. Jesus is present whenever the community gathers to pray and give praise to God. Jesus is present in the words of Sacred Scripture. Jesus is present above all in the Eucharist, under the appearances of bread and wine.”*

- Pope Saint John Paul II

**NOVEMBER IS NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH** ~ Let us get to know our Native American Brothers and Sisters.

**SERVANT OF GOD NICHOLAS BLACK ELK (1863-1950):** Nicholas Black Elk was a Lakota convert to Catholicism who became a catechist. The second cousin of Crazy Horse, Black Elk traveled with Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show and fought at Little Bighorn and Wounded Knee. Black Elk served as a medicine man in his youth, and later incorporated Lakota spirituality into his preaching and evangelization.

Nicholas Black Elk lived a fascinating life in a time of great turmoil for his people. As a young boy, Black Elk took ill and fell into a coma during which he had a vision that he felt called him to serve as a spiritual leader for his people. His search for understanding took many years and another vision in which he saw "the Son of God."

Though his first wife was Catholic and his children raised in the Faith, it wasn't until he was in his 40's that Black Elk finally committed himself to baptism in the Catholic Church. After embracing Catholicism, Black Elk became a devout catechist, guiding nearly 400 other Native Americans to the Catholic Church. The title "Good Red Road" refers to the manner of teaching that Black Elk used for evangelizing children, which employed a pictorial scroll with the "red road" leading to heaven.

Being Christian and Native American did not always come easy for the baptized Lakota, but Black Elk learned to merge the two. He spent many years working with the Jesuits who served as spiritual leaders on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota, traveling with them and holding prayer services when no priests were available. Black Elk died in 1950. To the end of his life, he continued to be a proud proponent of Lakota culture, seeing no conflict between his culture and his faith. A short video about him may be viewed here: <https://blackelkcanonization.com/>.



**THE ROSE FOR LIFE:** Is sponsored this week by Nick and Nancy D'Agostino in memory of Matthew D'Agostino. Please join them in prayer for an unborn child.

**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.

**ST. MARY'S MOM'S PRAYER GROUP:** This Tuesday, November 15, from 9:30 – 11 AM we will be looking at "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." (Hebrews 11:1) In combination with: "Jesus said to the woman, 'Your faith has saved you; go in peace.'" (Luke 7:50) How do I practice this faith in things (yet) unseen in everyday life? 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!

## 2022 Grand Annual Breakdown:

\$35,355.00 - Church exterior wood repairs and repainting (mostly completed).

\$74,900.00 - Repair and refurbishment of the four 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 this weekend, November 12 & 13, the gold Grand Annual envelope you received in the mail. 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.

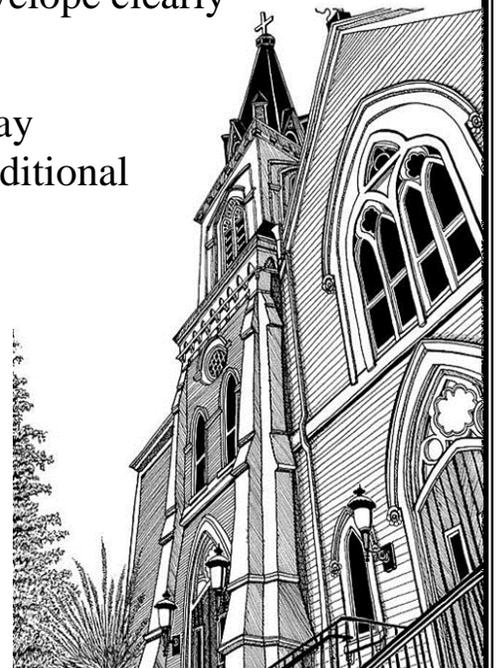
It is important that the special gold envelope, or an envelope clearly marked "Grand Annual" be used.

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.**

**CLOW- CHILDREN K-6: CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:** Today, Sunday, November 13, 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



**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.

**CLASSES THIS WEEK**

DATE	GRADE	GRADE
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
Mon., Nov. 14	GR-3 at 4:00 PM	MINISTRY FAIR
Tues., Nov. 15	GR-4 at 4:00 PM	GR-5 at 4:00 PM
Weds., Nov. 16	GR-2 at 4:15 PM	
Sun., Nov. 20	GR-2 at 8:10 AM	GR-2 at 10:45 AM
	GR-3 at 7:55 AM	GR-3 at 10:45 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.

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

**PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN WORKSHOP** will be held in-house on Saturday, November 19 from 9-11 AM in the Parish Center, room 3-4. Any volunteer in need of completing this requirement is welcome to attend. Please call Paula O'Brien x211 to register.

**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](http://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.

**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](mailto:SpecialInnkeeper1224@gmail.com).

**ARE YOU PREPARED? The Advent Season begins November 27!** The **Advent Wreath** is a long standing Catholic tradition for many families. Brass Candle Holders and Candles are available for sale in the Religious Education Office. Advent Candles may be purchased separately for \$6.00/set or a Set of Candles with the Brass Candle Holder are \$15/each.

**COME LORD JESUS ~ ADVENT MINI-RETREAT:** On Sunday, November 27 from 3:30 to 4:30 PM in the church. The Retreat will include Eucharistic Adoration. A reflection will be given on preparing our hearts for Christ's Second Coming. All are welcome!

**GRADE 2 IMPORTANT REVIEW SESSION FOR FIRST PENANCE:** Review and practice for the Sacrament of First Penance for the Sunday, 8:10 AM classes will be on Monday, November 28 at 4:30 PM and the Sunday, 10:45 AM classes will be on Tuesday, November 29 at 4:30 PM. Wednesday classes are scheduled for November 30 or students may join us in one of these scheduled days if they are unable to make their assigned date. Teachers must be present during this practice session with their classes.