

Give thanks to the LORD,
for he is good

- Psalm 107:1 NIV

THANK YOU, LORD!



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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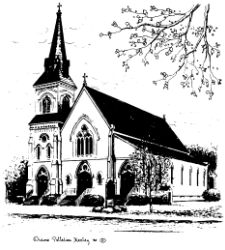
Dear Visitors: Welcome! We are delighted that you chose to worship with us this day. Please introduce yourself to the priest, and if you are interested in becoming a member of the parish then please register through our website or by calling the rectory. Please also be aware that for generations it has 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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November 20, 2022
Solemnity of Christ the King

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

Today we celebrate a great, and timely, feast of the Church – Christ the King. Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 as a response to growing secularism in the world. As dictatorships rose in Europe, Pius saw many men and women giving their first loyalty to worldly powers instead of to Christ. States themselves began to restrict the Church's religious freedom, and to enthrone individualism and material prosperity over the moral and common good. In response to these problems, Pius instituted today's feast to remind faithful people everywhere that our first loyalty must always be to Christ and to His Gospel of sacrificial love.

Nor is the Kingship of Christ oppressive - rather His is a sovereignty of service. As Jesus reminded His disciples in Matthew Chapter 10, *"You know that those who are recognized as rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones make their authority over them felt. But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to become great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many"* (versus 42-45).

During His earthly life, Jesus was a powerful advocate for the helpless, the exploited, the innocent, and the oppressed. Those who acknowledge Jesus as Lord necessarily imitate Him in this regard. Here in the United States the Church's efforts to continue Jesus' ministry as "slave of all" include speaking out on behalf of immigrants, the condemned, the sick, the unborn, and all other vulnerable persons who have no voice of their own. The challenges are great. But they are not beyond the power of Jesus Christ to overcome and transform in His love. A good king watches over his subjects; and just so will Christ uphold His faithful ones in even the darkest of times.

This week we celebrate Thanksgiving, and like you I will be gathering with my relatives for a day of food and family. I thank God also for the many beautiful members of our St. Mary's family, who give so much of themselves to make our parish a place where the love and mercy of Jesus Christ are readily apparent. I thank especially the men, women, and children who are so very faithful to our celebration each week of the Lord's Day. Your prayers and presence at Mass each Sunday are the greatest gift you can give to your Church and to God. The word "Eucharist" itself means "Thanksgiving." And by giving God your time on Sunday you are expressing in a powerful way your gratitude for the many good things He has given us – including the gift of His own Son, Jesus. Every blessing we enjoy in this life has its source ultimately in God. All blessings are signs to us of God's goodness. And your presence each week at God's table is the sign of your gratitude to Him.


Occasionally, Thanksgiving dinner will find a stranger among us – a visitor that some member of the family brought along. As next Sunday we begin Advent and a New Year of Grace, please consider bringing someone along with you to the Lord's Supper. Whether it is someone who has never known Jesus before, or a Catholic who has lapsed in the practice of their faith, know that they will be welcome. Know that in Christ, they will be loved.

In His Service and Yours,

Rev. Mark J. Coiro
Pastor

2022 ST. MARY’S PARISH GRAND ANNUAL UPDATE

“What return can I make to the Lord for all He has done for me?” Psalm 116

2022 Grand Annual goal to cover operating expenses:	\$150,000.00	
Grand Annual parishioner support received to date:	- \$ 77,605.00	
Parishioner support still needed to reach 2022 Grand Annual goal:	\$ 72,395.00	
% of 2022 Grand Annual achieved to date:	52 %	
% of St. Mary’s families who have now made their Grand Annual gift:	20 %	

As the Grand Annual continues, contributions may be placed either in the gold G.A. envelope you received in the mail, or in a separate envelope clearly marked “Grand Annual.” G.A. envelopes may be mailed to 8 Church Street or dropped through the Rectory Office Door Mail-slot. The wooden offertory boxes at Mass may also be used.

As explained in the special mailing to all parishioners, the \$150,000 goal will fund staff salaries, the exterior painting of the church and the repair/refurbishment of all four Parish Center bathrooms. Your generous support will assure the financial health of our parish continues.

Thank you for your support of this most important annual collection!

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
- 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 Car

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND:

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

LAST SUNDAY’S PARISH OFFERTORY:

Automatic Giving:	\$ 2,657.00
WeShare:	\$ 4,862.00
Offertory Envelopes Dropped/mailed to the office:	\$ 6,482.00
Total Offertory:	\$ 14,001.00
Shortfall:	\$ 999.00

Thank you for making up any missed weekly parish support. God bless you!

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.



CHANGE IN CHURCH SEATING: As of November 14, masks are no longer required in the St. Joseph statue / Elm Street side transept. To accommodate our immunocompromised parishioners, the St. Mary statue / rectory side transept remains masks required.

THANK YOU! At this time of thanksgiving, we thank all parishioners who donated new baby items for Pregnancy Help in October. Nearly 300 were given!



PRAYERS AND MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday	November 19
5:00	Vincent Scaduto, 36 th Anv.
7:30	Jackie Mansfield
Sunday	November 20
7:30	Parishioners of St. Mary's
9:30	John Desmond McHugh
11:30	Dolores Triquet and Dolores Wilverding
Monday	November 21
9:00	James F. Curran
Tuesday	November 22
9:00	Holy Souls
Wednesday	November 23
9:00	John Joseph Moore, 37 th Anv.
Thursday	November 24
9:00	Thanksgiving Mass
Friday	November 25
9:00	Egidio and Livia Trilli
Saturday	November 26
5:00	Kenneth Croke and Louise Croke
7:30	John and Helen Shannahan
Sunday	November 27
7:30	Joan McEachern
9:30	Edward and Constance Tynan
11:30	Rene Martinez

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.

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.

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

WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS: “A single ‘Blessed be God’ in adversity is worth more than a thousand acts of thanksgiving in prosperity.”

— St. John of Ávila

“LONG LAY THE WORLD!”

An Advent Mission With Katie Patrizio

Sunday, December 11 at 7:00 PM in St. Mary’s Church.



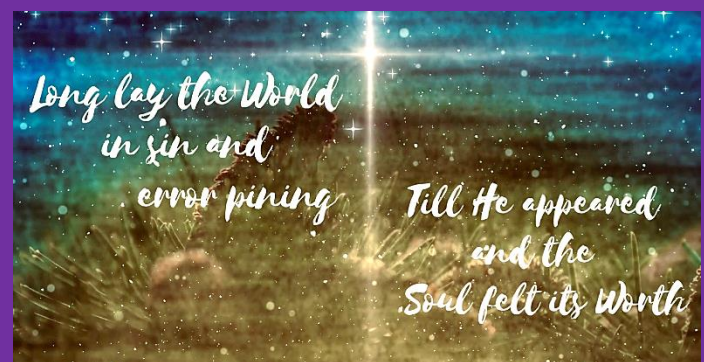
The centuries before Christ were a time of upheaval. Wars raged in Palestine and one nation after another rose up in conquest against the Jewish people. But a simple prophecy in the Book of Daniel had all Israel holding its breath, for it gave an exact timeline for when to expect the arrival of the Messiah.

Join nationally acclaimed Catholic Speaker Katie Patrizio as she unpacks the Old Testament roots of Christmas and the historical backdrop of the Nativity story. Plan to go home with a greater appreciation for the pining of the Jewish people, and the longing of our own souls for the Coming of the Lord.

Katie Patrizio is a Catholic speaker and teacher best known for her talks on Scripture. She holds degrees in philosophy, theology, and scripture, and hosts a weekly podcast called Sunday Dive.

“Katie is one of the most inspirational speakers in our Church today. She allows Sacred Scripture to come alive in a life-changing way. Listen and be changed!”
- Jon Leonetti, Catholic Speaker and Author

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ADVENT STARTS NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27!

“THE BLESSINGS OF WAITING,” AN ADVENT EUCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR:

Sunday, November 27, 3:30 – 4:30 PM.

Come and prepare your hearts for the season of Advent by spending one hour of prayer and reflection before the busyness of Christmas takes over. Join us in the church for an Advent Retreat with Eucharistic Adoration. Tom Petty famously once wrote, “The waiting is the hardest part.” While that may sometimes be true, it doesn’t always have to be. Since ancient times, the people of God waited for the coming of Jesus, the Messiah. Now 2,000 years later, as Christians, we are waiting for the Second Coming of Jesus. We long to see Him and look forward to the perfected earth and the new Jerusalem. Psalm 27 compels us to be patient. “Wait for the LORD, take courage; be stouthearted, wait for the LORD!” Why would God make us wait? It is because there is a goodness to waiting. Through our patience, we have the opportunity to receive blessings while preparing more room in our hearts to receive the fullness of His love. This liturgy will be led by Deacon Ron Dowding.



GIVE A GIFT: December 4 and 5 at all Masses. Once again we ask the people of St. Mary’s to help make Christmas truly a season of sharing. All items go to needy families in Boston, and are distributed through two inner city Catholic parishes. 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. Kindly place your gift in front of St. Mary’s altar at any Mass the weekend of December 4 & 5. Gift bags only please.



SPIRITED HANDS CROCHET GROUP/ST. MARY’S WOMEN’S GROUP: December 4 after the

9:30 AM Mass. The members of the Crochet Group known now as "Spirited Hands" and the St. Mary’s Women’s Group will be holding their annual sale of handmade crochet items in the Center Lobby on. All of the items will be unique and well made. The Spirited Hands even prayed for the people who will be receiving their finished products. So these gifts are precious! All proceeds go to help the needy.



COOKIE WALK FOR HAITI: December 10 & 11, after all Weekend Masses.

Long rows of tables will be set up in Fr. Haley Hall – tables loaded down with over 2,000 delicious homemade cookies baked by St. Mary’s Middle School Youth Group Members. They will be carefully sealed in plastic, 2 x 2. For \$6, you may purchase an empty cookie bag, then “walk” down the rows of tables and select a dozen cookies which youths (wearing masks and plastic gloves) will place in your bag. All proceeds will benefit the poor of Haiti, a deeply impoverished nation recently rocked by a presidential assassination, a major earthquake, and a hurricane.



LESSONS & CAROLS: Friday, December 16, from 7-8 PM in the church.

Join us for an evening of beautiful music and scripture, anticipating the wondrous birth of our Lord Jesus. This year’s Lessons and Carols will feature St. Mary’s Adult Choir under the direction of Mr. Christopher Pelonzi. The program will include familiar carols as well as choral music by Ord, Thompson, DeSilva, and more. Bring your whole family and fill your Christmas preparations with plenty of holiday cheer!



ADVENT ADORATION WITH CONFESSION: Every Tuesday of Advent,

November 29; December 6, 13, & 20, from 7 - 8 PM.

Bring your day to a restful end by basking in the True Presence of our Eucharistic Lord. Clear and quiet your soul from all that has come between you and God by making a good Confession – especially if it has been awhile. Confession is a healing encounter with Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins. The Lord’s mercy, healing, and grace are given to us through this encounter. In it Jesus also strengthens us to resist future or ongoing temptation. The Sacrament of Confession is a moment of accountability for us before the Lord. The Lord’s forgiveness and mercy is infinite. Nothing we have done can ever separate us from experiencing God’s forgiveness through this sacrament. Confession will also continue to be offered Saturdays in the church from Noon to 12:45 PM, except on December 24.

FATIMA SHRINE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS DISPLAY: The Xaverian Missionaries will hold their traditional Christmas Lights Display from Thursday, December 8 to Tuesday, December 27, from 5 to 9 PM. Hot chocolate and treats are provided for visitors. All are most welcome!



Are you looking for some written inspiration this Advent and Christmas? Here is a hope-filled Advent book for adults titled *A Season of Little Sacraments: Christmas Commotion, Advent Grace*, by Susan Swetman, and a delightful children's Christmas book, *The Night of Las Posadas*, by Tomie DePaola. Susan Swetman's reality-affirming book is divided into four sections, one for each of the four weeks of Advent. She writes about her experiences of finding Christian meaning, and grace, amidst the day-to-day commotion and yearly rituals (writing the annual Christmas letter or decorating the Christmas tree, for example) of the Advent (pre-Christmas) season. DePaola's beautifully illustrated, *The Night of Las Posadas*, is based on a Latino tradition wherein a community re-enacts Joseph and

Mary's search for a place to rest in Bethlehem. When the community members in one particular town who are chosen to play Joseph and Mary are held up by a storm, a miracle takes place which allows the re-enactment to come to its expected conclusion. Both books are available through the Holliston Town Library and from online booksellers. – Leo Racine

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

SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA (1656 - April 17, 1680): The blood of martyrs is the seed of saints. Nine years after the Jesuits Isaac Jogues and Jean de Lelande were tomahawked by Iroquois warriors, a baby girl was born near the place of their martyrdom, Auriesville, New York.



Her mother was a Christian Algonquin, taken captive by the Iroquois and given as wife to the chief of the Mohawk clan, the boldest and fiercest of the Five Nations. When she was four, Tekakwitha lost her parents and little brother in a smallpox epidemic that left her disfigured and half blind. She was adopted by an uncle, who succeeded her father as chief. He hated the coming of the Blackrobes—Jesuit missionaries—but could do nothing to them because a peace treaty with the French required their presence in villages with Christian captives. She was moved by the words of three Blackrobes who lodged with her uncle, but fear of him kept her from seeking instruction. Tekakwitha refused to marry a Mohawk brave, and at 19 finally got the courage to take the step of converting. She was baptized with the name Kateri--Catherine--on Easter Sunday.

Now she would be treated as a slave. Because she would not work on Sunday, Kateri received no food that day. Her life in grace grew rapidly. She told a missionary that she often meditated on the great dignity of being baptized. She was powerfully moved by God's love for human beings and saw the dignity of each of her people.

She was always in danger, for her conversion and holy life created great opposition. On the advice of a priest, Kateri stole away one night and began a 200-mile walking journey to a Christian Indian village at Sault St. Louis, near Montreal. For three years she grew in holiness under the direction of a priest and an older Iroquois woman, giving herself totally to God in long hours of prayer, in charity, and in strenuous penance. At 23, Kateri took a vow of virginity, an unprecedented act for an Indian woman whose future depended on being married. She found a place in the woods where she could pray an hour a day—and was accused of meeting a man there!

Her dedication to virginity was instinctive: Kateri did not know about religious life for women until she visited Montreal. Inspired by this, she and two friends wanted to start a community, but the local priest dissuaded her. She humbly accepted an "ordinary" life. She practiced extremely severe fasting as penance for the conversion of her nation. Kateri Tekakwitha died the afternoon before Holy Thursday. Witnesses said that her emaciated face changed color and became like that of a healthy child. The lines of suffering, even the pockmarks, disappeared and the touch of a smile came upon her lips. She was beatified in 1980 and canonized in 2012. She is the saint patroness of ecology. St. Kateri pray for us!

T.G.I.F (Teens Gather In Faith): November meeting **TONIGHT** at 7:15 PM in Fr. Haley Hall. Come join us for a service project, games, faith, fun & food! December Ice skating trip forms due at this meeting! Coming up...next meeting, December 11! And Ice Skating December 17! All high school teens are welcome, bring your friends! As always, any questions-reach out to Theresa Virzi at stmarysYM1870@gmail.com.

HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER MISSION TRIP: It is back! Summer Mission Trip for high school teens! More information will be coming soon, keep an eye out for our first info session coming up after the holiday! Any parents interested in helping out with Mission this year? I would love to hear from you! Please email me at STMARYSYM1870@gmail.com.



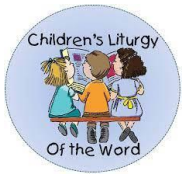
MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP: Our next Meeting is Sunday, December 4 from 6:30 – 8 PM in the Parish Center. There will be faith, friendship, fun and signups for the December 16 Caroling, Pizza Party, Christmas Lights Trip and the January 13 Snow Tubing Trip! Any and all 6th, 7th and 8th Graders are invited.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

ST. MARY'S MARRIAGE FELLOWSHIP: Join the St. Mary's Marriage Fellowship **TODAY, 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 your RSVP to: stmarysmarriagefellowship@gmail.com.

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. We have thoroughly enjoyed our Fall 2022 In-Person and Virtual Season "Called to Relationship." Our speakers were outstanding and the topics were very thought-provoking. Watch for details on our Winter Season starting in early February. For more information call Jennifer Schiller at 617-852-9632 or Diane Collins at 508-259-7795 or email stmaryswingssecretary@gmail.com.

ST. MARY'S MOM'S PRAYER GROUP: This Tuesday, November 22, from 9:30 – 11 AM we will be talking about how to create a culture of gratitude. 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. This gathering will also be our final meeting until we resume in 2023. 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!

CURSILLO: The Cursillo is a "little course in Christianity" that begins on a Thursday evening and concludes Sunday afternoon. Each Cursillo is an encounter with Christ in a small community of the Church, in order that Christ's love and grace can be brought to every aspect of life. Fr. Bill Murphy and Mary Ann McLaughlin will be the Spiritual Directors of upcoming weekends. The Boston Cursillo Weekends will be held at The Notre Dame Spirituality Center, 30 Jeffrey's Neck Rd, Ipswich, MA 01938. For more information call: Chris Graf 617-332-5548. The dates for the Cursillo Weekends are: Women's Weekend February 9 – 12, 2023; Men's Weekend March 23 -26, 2023.



CLOW- CHILDREN K-6: CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: Today, Sunday, November 20, 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. 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
Tues., Nov. 22	GR-3 at 4:00 PM	GR-6 at 4:00 PM
Weds., Nov. 23	No Classes	
Thurs., Nov. 24	Happy Thanksgiving!	
Sun., Nov. 27	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-6 at 4:00 PM	GR-7 at 5:00 PM
	GR-10 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.



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.

LAST CALL! CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS NATIVITY: Families with children in Grades 1- 4 have received 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 to: Debra Frey, 615 Winter Street, Holliston, MA 01746 or to SpecialInnkeeper1224@gmail.com.

ARE YOU PREPARED? The Advent Season begins Sunday, 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.



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 for 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.

ADVENT MINI-RETREAT: Next Sunday, November 27 from 3:30 to 4:30 PM there will be Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and a reflection by Deacon Ron Dowding on **“The Blessings of Waiting.”** All are welcome to begin their Advent journey with prayer in the presence of our Lord.