

LIFE OF PASSION LIFE OF LOVE STARTS TONIGHT!

Three Night Lenten Mission

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 9:30 - 10:30 AM,
Thursdays in Lent 7-8 PM

Our Mission:

“To know Christ and to make Him known.”

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Email Address: St.marys1870@gmail.com
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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
Noon to 12:45 PM,
Thursdays in Lent 7-8 PM

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!



Life of Passion Life of Love!

**March 5, 6 & 7 from 7-8 PM
in the church. Tuesday is followed
by a reception in
Fr. Haley Hall.**

In this three-night Parish Mission, National Catholic Speaker and Family Life Director Adam Storey will show how a life of passion must be rooted in a loving relationship with Jesus Christ. It is in Jesus where we encounter the most passionate love conceivable. It is in Him where we find fulfillment of the heart's deepest desires. This vision might sound appealing, but what does this relationship actually look like, what things tend to hold us back, and how can a passionate life be pursued in the midst of the daily grind?

Adam will explore this vision and these questions in depth, and he'll offer practical and simple ways for everyone to grow in this most precious relationship with God.

SUNDAY, MARCH 5 - FIRST NIGHT, PASSIONATE HEARTS:

The heart of the Christian life is about entering into a loving relationship with God - who first seeks us. During this first evening, Adam will explore why we must open our hearts to God, helping participants see that He is what our hearts most long for - for it is in this relationship where we are most alive. Using the lives of the saints and personal stories, Adam will show that our relationship with God truly has the power to transform us.

MONDAY, MARCH 6 - SECOND NIGHT, WHEN THE RUBBER MEETS THE ROAD:

It's easy to think that a vibrant relationship with Jesus is a gift only offered to a few. Not so. In this talk, Adam will show that developing and nurturing this relationship with Jesus is accessible to all of us. We'll explore in depth the lay vocation, and how each of us can grow in holiness precisely in the hustle and bustle of daily life.

In this second evening, Adam will explore common misconceptions and challenges every Catholic faces, including struggling to find time, feeling awkward, and attempts to hide ourselves from God, and what we can do about it.

TUESDAY, MARCH 7 - THIRD NIGHT, LET'S GET REAL:

Every love story is different, and so is every relationship with the Lord. However, there are small patterns of holiness every Christian can embrace each day. Drawing from the spiritual riches of the Church, in this final evening Adam will offer five simple and concrete disciplines a disciple of the Lord Jesus can incorporate into their day, helping them grow as disciples and deepen their Faith. **This final Mission evening is followed by a reception in Fr. Haley Hall.**



Saint Mary's Parish

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

March 5, 2023
Second Sunday of Lent

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

What was Jesus doing on the mountaintop before the spiritual pyrotechnics of today's gospel occurred? Matthew is silent, but Luke's telling of this story includes the important detail that Jesus went up the mountain to pray. Jesus' transfiguration, the appearance of Moses and Elijah, the Voice of God – all these things were unleashed by the power of prayer. Together with fasting and almsgiving, prayer is one of the three pillars of our own Lenten experience. During these forty days we pray for forgiveness, for guidance, for strength, for patience and for help in becoming more like Jesus Himself.

PRAYER: This coming Friday, I and thirty-five St. Mary's Parishioners will depart on Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Know that we will pray faithfully every single day the nearly 300 intentions you wrote down and entrusted to us on the First Sunday of Lent. That includes at our Mass on Mount Tabor, where today's Gospel took place. Please pray also for us!

FASTING: Please be advised that on Friday, March 17, Cardinal O'Malley has waived the requirement to abstain from meat. This is in honor of the Feast of St. Patrick, who is the patron saint of the Archdiocese of Boston. However, Catholics are encouraged to select another weekday to fast from meat instead.

ALMSGIVING: Today kicks off the 2023 Catholic Appeal. St. Mary's goal is \$87,486 – our same goal as last year which was achieved. The Appeal makes possible the many good works of our Catholic Church, providing essential services to the poor and other vulnerable persons. It supports, for instance, the work of Pregnancy Help, assisting women in crisis pregnancies. It also funds the Child Safety Office, which runs safety education programs and assures parish compliance in this important area. These are just a few examples of the good accomplished by the Appeal.

I especially ask that those who did not support the Appeal last year make a special effort to participate in 2023. None of us is asked to give more than we can. But we should all try to do something, in a manner reflective of the means with which God has blessed us.

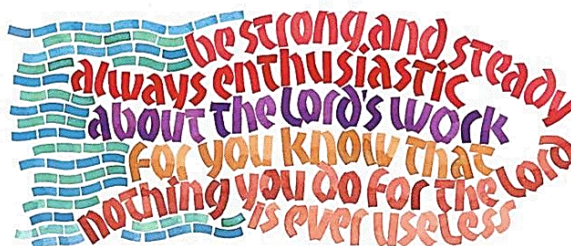
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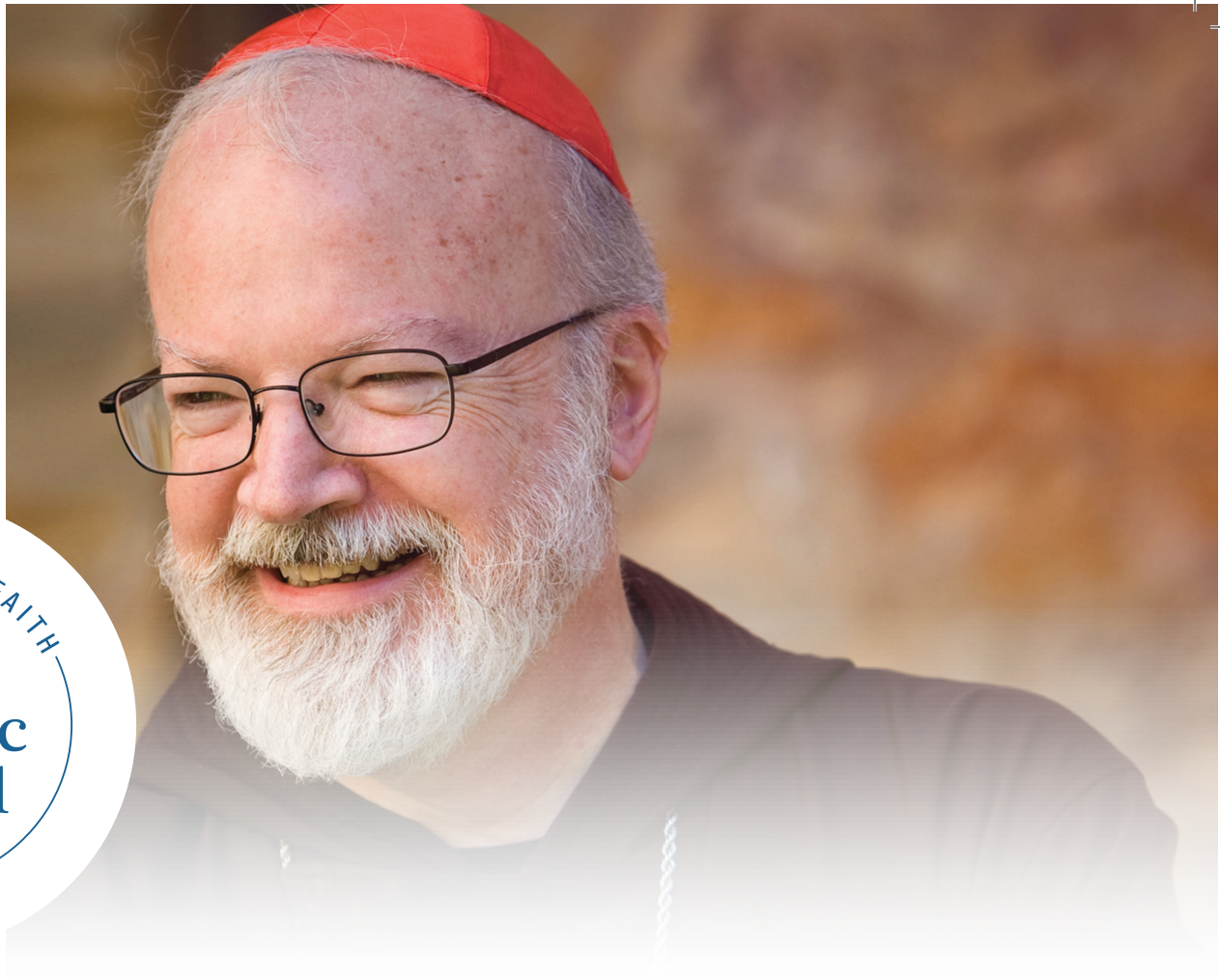
Rev. Mark J. Coiro
Pastor

HEARTFELT THANKS: Ron Turcotte would like to thank everyone for all the cards of condolence following the recent passing of his wife Linda. Please continue to keep Linda and her family in prayer.

CONGRATULATIONS NEW ALTAR SERVERS! Over the past month, twelve young men and women have been training for the Ministry of Altar Server. They will be formally invested as Altar Servers at today's 9:30 AM Mass. We thank them for their generous response to the needs of our parish and pray that they will give and receive many blessings in their new role. Well done!

Aiden Breen	Katherine McSherry
Liam Breen	Anders Nelson
Ava Breen	August Nelson
Erin Breen	Daniel Nunes
Ben Dufault	Luisa Silveyra Dodds
Henry Hayes	Santiago Silveyra Dodds





My Dear Friends in Christ:

During this Lenten season, I am reminded of St. Paul's message in the Letter to the Ephesians, that we are God's handiwork created in Jesus to do good works.

We live in a challenging world where the need for continued and expanded good works is greater than ever. The last several years have brought forth the best qualities as you and so many have demonstrated courage, generosity, and a loving concern for others.

It is with gratitude and humility that I ask you to advance our Catholic Appeal and all its good works by sharing your own courage, generosity, and love. Please prayerfully consider a gift that will be a sign of your Christian concern and strengthen our efforts to improve lives and spread hope.

Please know of my gratitude for your generosity that puts faith into action in so many meaningful ways. Together, we encircle one another with compassion and welcome one another into Christ's embrace.

Asking God's blessings upon you and all whom you hold dear, I remain,

Devotedly yours in Christ,

+ Seán, OFM Cap

Cardinal Seán O'Malley, O.F.M., Cap.
Archbishop of Boston



"I know that the Appeal helps so many people – from children to the elderly to the sick and disabled to men and women who are needy, the homeless – and I feel that it's essential for me to give back. God has been very good to us, and the Appeal is one way to give back to the Church and to God."

- Susan R.



"The reason we're involved in the Catholic Appeal is because it's an opportunity for us to benefit the broader Catholic community. We love our parish, love our church and we donate to the church on a weekly basis. But there's a lot of things that the Catholic Appeal can do that are beyond the capability of an individual parish."

- Jim T.

YOUR *Impact*

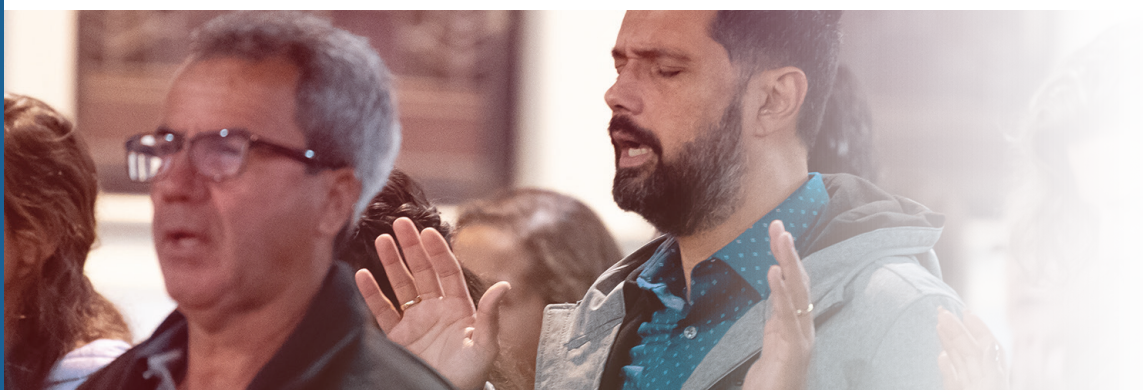
By participating in the annual Appeal, you help our Church ensure that the presence and hope of Christ can be felt throughout the 144 communities that comprise our Archdiocese of Boston.

Your gift will immediately make a difference in helping support

OUR PARISHES

250+ parish communities make up the collective fabric of our shared faith. Our ministries help support vibrant parishes so they can create programs and initiatives uniquely suited to their priorities and the needs of the communities they serve.

Our parishes not only serve the faithful within the Church, they serve the needs of our communities.



THOSE IN NEED

Our ministries are dedicated to helping people of all faiths and backgrounds who are in need. As the hands and feet of Christ on Earth, those serving our ministries provide resources, compassion, and hope to our brothers and sisters living on the margins.

Our ministries not only serve Catholics, they serve anyone in need of Christ's love.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION

The pandemic shone a spotlight on the unparalleled educational experience students receive at a Catholic school. While public and charter schools struggle to recover, Catholic schools—and our students—continue to thrive.

Our schools not only provide an excellent education, they provide stability and support.



FAITH FORMATION

We are each on our own faith journey, so it's important to have access to materials and resources that help us learn, practice, and explore our faith in a meaningful way. Our ministries provide religious education and engagement programs for all ages.

Our programs not only teach the faith, they nurture a relationship with Christ.



"Without the Appeal, we wouldn't be able to provide the services that people in our parish and our school need on a daily basis. There is so much that happens with the Archdiocese's support; and without these ministries and offices that the Appeal supports, we really wouldn't be able to function at the level that we function."

- Fr. Jonathan Gaspar



"When you support the Appeal, you support so many wonderful ministries... Two years ago, my 29-year-old niece overdosed on Fentanyl and passed away. It devastated the family. What pulled me through was my church and my faith. People don't realize how much the Appeal helps and every little bit counts."

- Angela S.

YOU MAKE A *Difference*

***Your Appeal gift has both local and regional impact,
building stronger parishes and supporting our greater
Church and the good work it enables.***

If you have received Cardinal Seán's letter in the mail and already made your gift or pledge, **thank you!** If not, here are the ways you can participate in the 2023 Catholic Appeal:

- Use an **in-pew envelope** and return it to your parish. Most parishes will conduct an in-pew presentation next week during Masses.
- Make an **online donation** by scanning the code below or visiting bostoncatholicappeal.org/donate-now.



*For a greater sustained impact, select the
recurring gift option. Your monthly donation
will continue until you tell us to stop.*

- Make a gift through your **Donor-Advised Fund** using Tax ID #04-2106175 (Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston), and include Catholic Appeal and your home parish in the donation details.
- Make a **planned gift** in the form of a bequest, stock or property transfer, IRA distribution, or charitable gift annuity.

To learn more, visit bostoncatholicappeal.org/ways-to-give.

Your gift is tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law: Tax ID #04-2106175.

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
 Mr. Mark Schiapucci, Interim Choir Director
 Mr. Andrew John Rondelli, Interim Organist
 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

**LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION FOR
 CATHOLIC CHARITIES AND THE CHURCH
 AROUND THE WORLD:** \$3,598.50, Thank you.

LAST SUNDAY'S PARISH OFFERTORY:

Automatic Giving: \$ 2,750.00
 WeShare: \$ 3,112.00
 Mass Offertory and
 Envelopes Mailed
 or Dropped Off: \$ 4,817.00
Total Offertory: \$ 10,679.00

Weekly Need: \$ 15,000.00

Shortfall: - \$4,321.00

**Please make up any missed weekly support from
 when travelling or away. Thank you!**

May God bless you for your faithful stewardship!

DONUTS, JUICE AND COFFEE THIS

WEEKEND: The Welcoming Committee invites all parishioners and their families to come down to Fr. Haley Hall after the 9:30 AM Mass today, Sunday, March 5, for donuts, juice and coffee! Come enjoy the chance to connect with and get to know your fellow parishioners. WELCOME!

* Two members of the Parish Council will attend Donuts, Juice and Coffee. The Council members will have nametags and parishioners are invited to ask any questions or share thoughts and ideas about St. Mary's.

HOLLISTON PANTRY SHELF: We are open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 10 AM-2 PM, and Wednesday from 4-7 PM. Items needed are regular coffee, peanut butter, canned fruit, pasta sauce, and Progresso soups. Donations may be dropped off in the beige bin by St. Mary's main parking lot entrance.

PRAYERS AND MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday	March 4
5:00	Marie Croke
7:30	Intentions of Fr. Issa & Parishioners of our Sister Parish in Beit Sahour
Sunday	March 5
7:30	Joseph and Genevieve Calapa
9:30	People of St. Mary's
11:30	Ambrosio Bolandrina
Monday	March 6
9:00	Joseph R. Palladino
Tuesday	March 7
9:00	Antonio and Philomena Borrelli
Wednesday	March 8
9:00	Francesca Borrelli
Thursday	March 9
9:00	Rev. Thomas W. Buckley
Friday	March 10
9:00	Francis Murphy, 4 th Anv.
Saturday	March 11
5:00	Roy Salvi, 3 rd Anv.
7:30	Joseph Katchpole, Jr.
Sunday	March 12
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Girl Scout Sunday
11:30	Ann Feeney

WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS: *Be steadfast, Christian giver: give what you may receive, sow what you may reap, scatter what you may gather. Fear not to spend, sigh not over the doubtfulness of the gain. Your substance grows when it is wisely dispensed. Set your heart on the profits due to mercy, and traffic in eternal gains. Your Recomenser wishes you to be munificent, and He who gives that you may have, commands you to spend, saying, "Give, and it shall be given to you." You must thankfully embrace the conditions of this promise. For although you have nothing that you did not receive, yet you cannot fail to have what you give.*

- Pope St. Leo the Great

THE CATHOLIC APPEAL LAUNCHES NEXT WEEKEND IN EVERY PARISH. Please carefully review the information in the next pages and bring your 2023 Appeal Envelope to Mass next weekend. Only one collection will be taken up. Please place your Catholic Appeal Envelope and Weekly Offertory Envelope in the same basket when it comes around. You may also make your Appeal gift via Weshare or through the Catholic Appeal website. Thank you for doing your part to support the good works of the Church.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP: Our next MSYG Meeting is TONIGHT, Sunday, March 5 from 6:30 – 8:00 PM. There will be a presentation on both this summer's Whitewater Rafting Trips, and sign-ups for the Grade 8 Kennebec Trip. Also, there will be sign-ups for the Friday, March 24, Late Night Cosmic Bowling Trip! All 6th, 7th and 8th Graders are welcome.

HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER MISSION TRIP TO FLORIDA:

This year, our 2023 Mission Trip will take place on July 16 - July 23 and we will be serving in FLORIDA helping those affected by two devastating hurricanes. All high school students are welcome and must attend at least one T.G.I.F. meeting to attend Mission. Check your mailboxes, because mailings will be sent out your way soon with more information and will also be posted on Instagram at [tgif.stmarys](https://www.instagram.com/tgif.stmarys). This week emails containing the forms have been sent out, if you did not receive one, please reach out. Forms and first payments will be due March 12 and collected until the T.G.I.F meeting on March 19. All high schoolers are welcome! Reach out to Theresa Virzi at StMarysYM1870@gmail.com with any questions.



T.G.I.F (Teens Gather In Faith): Coming up for T.G.I.F, High School Youth Group teens will be sponsoring the Lenten supper on March 24. All high school teens are welcome to come together for some service, and an opportunity to gather with their church family. An 2Email containing the sign-up genius will be sent out this week. Our next meeting is swiftly approaching - 'Minute to Win it' on March 19 from 7:15-8:45 PM! All High School Students are Welcome! March 19 is the last night to collect Mission Forms.



WINGS (Women in God's Spirit): The last session in our WINGS 2023 Winter Bible Study via Zoom will be this Wednesday, March 8 at 10 AM. WINGS is using Kevin Perrotta's book *Relating to Others as Jesus Would* as our study guide. Chapter 6, *Jesus Relating to His Friends*, focuses on Luke 10:38-42, John 11:1-45, and John 12:1-8. These readings may be found [online](#). Our speaker will be *Kelly Meraw, Director of Collaborative Pastoral Care, Director of St. John Music and Liturgy, St. John-St. Paul Collaborative* and WINGS speaker last fall. Please join us even if you don't have access to the study book. Email stmaryswingssecretary@gmail.com to register or call Diane @508-259-7795 or Jen @617-8 52-9632.

ST. MARY'S MOM'S PRAYER GROUP: The Mom's Prayer Group meets every Tuesday morning at 9:30 AM in Father Haley Hall for faith sharing and prayer intentions. Children of all ages are welcome, snacks and coffee are provided. This week's meeting is Tuesday, March 7. We will be discussing holy hours. Please join us!

LENTEN SUPPERS EVERY FRIDAY: Join us for a great meal, prayer and deepening your community connection to your St. Mary's family! Fridays: March 10, 17, 24, and 31 at 6 PM in Fr. Haley Hall. Our Lenten Suppers take place in Fr. Haley Hall and include a range of food options while observing Friday's abstinence from meat - as well as child friendly food.



Families with young children are encouraged to come and not feel burdened about bringing a meal, please let your St. Mary's community lift you up. This also applies to any individual / couple / family feeling burdened where bringing a meal would prevent you from attending. We are all in different seasons of life, let your St. Mary's family be a safe landing spot for you this Lent!

If you'd like to help, please email Natalie Pomarico at st.maryslentensuppers@gmail.com. You will be added to the Lenten Supper Volunteer Group. A weekly 'Sign Up Genius' gets emailed out and people sign up for food and drink as they're able (which we are aware varies week to week). Thank you!

BLESSED MOTHER SCHOLARSHIP: Scholarship Applications are now available at <https://stmarysholliston.com/> under REGISTER / PARISH FORMS. This \$2,000 scholarship is granted in recognition of exceptional service to the St. Mary's Parish Family. Applicants must meet the following criteria: Graduating from High School in the Spring of 2023; Accepted to a four-year college or university to commence classes in the Fall of 2023; Family registered at St. Mary's Parish for at least two full years; Completed Religious Education and received the Sacrament of Confirmation; Attend Mass weekly at St. Mary's (virtually or in person), and are otherwise living out their Catholic faith. Applications are due to the Scholarship Committee by Easter Sunday, April 9. The Scholarship will be presented at St. Mary's Mass for the Graduating Class of 2023, Sunday, May 14 at 11:30 AM.



FATIMA SHRINE PAX CHRISTI: The Pax Christi Group at Our Lady of Fatima Shrine, Holliston, is sponsoring and leading special prayer services during Lent for a number of countries in our world that are experiencing grave violence and displacement. Engaging the power of prayer, members invite all people of good will to join them on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11:30 AM for information on the particular country or situation that will be focused on that day as well as the recitation of the Rosary for Peace. The usual 12:10 PM Mass will follow. These prayers begin on Tuesday, February 28 and end April 7 (Good Friday). The dates and countries are: February 28 - Ukraine, March 2 - Ethiopia, March 7 - Central America/Colombia, March 9 - The Democratic Republic of Congo, March 14 - Nigeria, March 16 - Myanmar, March 21 - Mexico, March 23 - Yemen, March 28 - Eritrea, March 30 - Cameroon, April 4 - Syria, and on Good Friday, April 7 the focus will be on the USA. All people of good will are welcome to join in this prayer. Our Lady of Fatima Shrine, 101 Summer Street, Holliston MA 01746. For more information call 508-420 2144.

Pax Christi, an International Catholic Peace Movement, strives to create a world that reflects the Peace of Christ by exploring, articulating, and witnessing to the call of Christian nonviolence. This work begins in personal life and extends to communities of reflection and action to transform unjust structures of society.

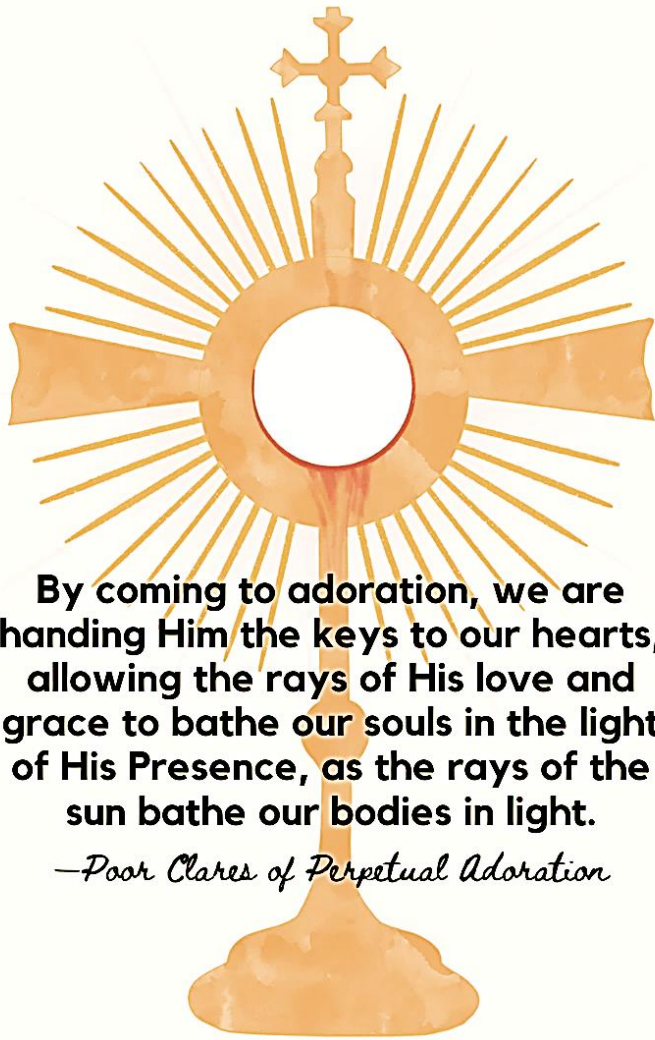
ROSE FOR LIFE: Is sponsored this week by Maria Bomba. Please join her in prayer for an unborn child. To sponsor the Rose for Life, please call the Rectory at 429-4427.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: Our new group Prayer Shawls and Lots More (PSALM) is going strong! If you'd like to join, our meetings are after daily Mass on Fridays, or you can make them on your own and deliver them later. We love to teach, so if you'd love to learn, we've got you covered. Please contact Jane Lebak at JaneLebak@gmail.com if you're interested in sharing a spiritual hug with your fellow parishioners.

“Create
in me a
clean heart,
O God,
and put a
new and right
spirit
within me.”
Psalm 51:10

FASTING: Catholics over eighteen and up to the beginning of their sixtieth year are bound to the obligation of fasting. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are the days of fasting. On these days, only one full meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed.

ABSTINENCE: Catholics over fourteen years of age are bound to the obligations of abstinence. Abstinence is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent. On abstinence days, meat may not be used at all. Regarding other weekdays of Lent, participation in daily Mass and the voluntary observance of fasting is recommended. Commendable, is generosity to local, national and world programs of sharing our abundance, the traditional Lenten Devotions and all the self-denial summed up in the concept of “mortification.”



By coming to adoration, we are handing Him the keys to our hearts, allowing the rays of His love and grace to bathe our souls in the light of His Presence, as the rays of the sun bathe our bodies in light.

—Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration

CONFESSION AND ADORATION EVERY LENTEN THURSDAY:

In addition to the usual Saturday Noon to 12:45 PM Confession time, during Lent St. Mary's Thursday night Eucharistic Holy Hours will also have the opportunity for Confession, from 7-8 PM in the church. Each Lenten Holy Hour includes an intention for which we ask you kindly to pray during your time before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament:

March 9:	Pray for those experiencing addiction, and their loved ones.
March 16:	Pray for Catholics who have fallen away from their faith.
March 23:	Pray for married couples in difficulty.
March 30:	Pray for those fighting cancer or other serious illness.

FORTY HOURS DEVOTION: In celebrating this devotion, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the altar at St. Mary's for forty continuous hours. The church will be open throughout and people may stop in at any time to visit with the Lord in prayer. The Forty Hours Devotion nurtures the love of the faithful for our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Additionally, three special dimensions surround this devotion:

- the protection from evil and temptation;
- reparation for our own sins and for the Poor Souls in Purgatory;
- and deliverance from political, material, or spiritual calamities.

Anyone and everyone is welcome at any time without signing up. But we need a minimum of two people committed to each specific hour the Blessed Sacrament is Exposed for Adoration. Please sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094DA5AB29A3FC1-40hours2>.

Sunday, March 26

11:30 AM	Opening 40 Hours Mass
6:00 PM	Evening Prayer
8:00 PM	Scripture Reflection

Monday, March 27

9:00 AM	Morning Mass (Hall)
Noon	Holy Rosary
6:00 PM	Evening Prayer
8:00 PM	Scripture Reflection

Tuesday, March 28

9:00 AM	Closing Mass with Benediction
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"O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!" Psalm 95:6

THIS LENT BECOME A SISTER PARISH PEN PAL FAMILY!

In order to deepen connections between St. Mary's and our Sister Parish in Palestine, families in both parishes will be participating in a digital pen pal relationship. They will learn about each other's families and what life is like in their respective homelands. They will also pray for one another. Would you like to represent St. Mary's Parish in this beautiful way? Contact Paula O'Brien for more information at stmarysre1870@gmail.com, or apply to be connected to a family in Beit Sahour through <https://forms.gle/s12FgtesxdK35yVM9>.

CLOW- CHILDREN K-6: CHILDREN'S

LITURGY OF THE WORD: Today, Sunday, March 5, the children will remain in the church with Fr. Mark and learn what Jesus teaches us in the Gospel reading.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

DAY	GRADE	GRADE
Sat., March 4	GR-9 Retreat	Saturday, Mar. 4
Sun., March 5	PRE-K at 9:15 AM	GR-1 at 8:10 AM
	GR-4 at 10:45 AM	GR-5 at 10:45 AM
Mon., March 6	GR-8 at 6:00 PM	
Tues., March 7	GR-4 at 4:00 PM	GR-5 at 4:00 PM
	GR-8 at 6:00 PM	
Wed., March 8	GR-2 at 4:15 PM	GR-7 at 6:00 PM
Sun., March 12	GR-2 at 8:10 AM	GR-3 at 7:55 AM
	GR-2 at 10:45 AM	GR-3 at 10:45 AM
	GR-6 at 4:00 PM	GR-7 at 5:00 PM
	GR-9 at 11:30 AM	

GRADE 2 PARENT MEETINGS: Several days/times have been scheduled to attend the important Grade 2 First Communion Parent Meeting in Fr. Haley Hall:

- Sunday, March 12 at 8:10 AM or 10:45 AM
- Wednesday, March 15 at 4:00 PM
- Thursday, March 16 at 10:00 AM or 7:00 PM



GRADE 3 GENERAL SESSION ON MARY: On Monday, March 13 all Grade 3 students will meet in Fr. Haley Hall at 4:00 PM with their teachers for a presentation on our Blessed Mother. Parents are welcome to attend.

THE THREE MINUTE RETREAT: Experience this invitation to a short quiet prayer break online. Anytime, day or night, spend some quiet time in prayer / reflection at www.3Minuteretreat.com. (Loyola Press).

The Lenten Class Pen Pal Project, with the students of the Patriarchate School of our Sister Parish - Our Lady of Fatima in Beit Sahour Palestine, is underway! Students in Grades K-10 have been supplied with instructions and group fill-in sheets to share their favorite Catholic and Bible themed interests! We look forward to sharing the faith of our young Catholics at St. Mary's across the world! We will be collecting the Pen Pal sheets from all the classes through March.



SNOW CANCELLATIONS FOR RELIGIOUS ED: When Holliston public schools have a two hour delay opening due to weather, **Religious Education classes will be held in the afternoon and**

evening. If schools are closed or have an early release during the day due to inclement weather, then Religious Education classes will **not** be held. Class cancellations will be aired on Channel 5 and Channel 7 during the week day and on Channel 4 on Saturday & Sunday only.

CONFIRMATION I-GRADE 9: Next session is Sunday, March 12 at the 11:30 AM Mass. Fellowship will follow in Fr. Haley Hall and class from 1-2:30 PM.

GRADE 9/10 RETREAT: Students who were unable to attend the earlier GR- 9 retreat must attend the retreat on **Saturday, March 4, 10 AM-3 PM in FHH.** GR-10 students who were unable to attend the earlier retreat will meet on **Saturday, April 1 from 10 AM-8:30 PM** at Betania II that will include the 7:30 PM Mass at St. Mary's. If you have any questions regarding the retreats, please contact Theresa Virzi. All GR-9 and GR-10 students must complete a retreat this year.

CORI VOLUNTEER RENEWAL ALERT: Ministry Leaders must secure that **all** their active volunteers (18 years and older) renew and complete a **FY2023 CORI.** If you are an active volunteer or planning to in any ministry, we must have a completed **2023 CORI** form on file. Volunteer renewals may submit a copy of driver's license, along with signed/completed CORI form and email directly to st.marysRE1870@gmail.com for processing. New volunteers must have information verified in person by any staff member. *Please note: If an FY2023 form has already been submitted, we do not need another.*



Get Ready to Blast Off for a **STELLAR** week of Faith, Friendship and Fun, shining Jesus' light! Registration opens for Grades K-6 children on April 1, 2023!

Vacation Bible School July 24-28!