



# 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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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 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!



**THE APPEAL** ~ The Catholic Appeal is to our Archdiocese what the weekly offertory is to our parishes. It makes possible fifty different central ministries that benefit hundreds of pastoral, charitable and educational programs. Your generous support and participation is critical to the success of the 2023 Catholic Appeal at St. Mary's and helps move us forward in hope as we seek to better embody the Gospel message in our lives.

**OUR GOAL** ~ St. Mary's 2023 Appeal goal is \$87,486, the same as last year, which our parish achieved.

**PARTICIPATION REBATE** ~ If 150 of our Parish's Families make their 2023 Appeal Pledge by the end of this month, (nothing needed up front, just the pledge), then St. Mary's will qualify to receive substantial rebates from the overall Appeal.

**HOW TO PARTICIPATE** ~ Last weekend we passed out Catholic Appeal materials and pledge forms with our bulletin.

**(Option 1)** If you have given previously to the Catholic Appeal, then you should have received a 2023 Pledge Form in the mail. Mail it to St. Mary's or to the Archdiocese, being sure to identify St. Mary's, Holliston, as your parish. You may also drop it off at St. Mary's today, and we will mail it in. Any checks we receive made out to the 2023 Catholic Appeal will also be forwarded.

**(Option 2)** Scan the QR Code right. Please be sure to identify yourself as a St. Mary's Parishioner.



**(Option 3)** Visit <https://bostoncatholicappeal.org/> and scroll to the bottom of the page to donate online, again being sure to identify St. Mary's, Holliston as your parish. This website also offers you a video to watch and detailed information about the Catholic Appeal.



**When you help the Catholic Appeal you educate, feed, strengthen, and care for all.**



**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 PARISH OFFERTORY:**

Automatic Giving: \$ 5,693.00  
 WeShare: \$ 5,316.00  
 Mass Offertory and  
 Envelopes Mailed  
 or Dropped Off: \$ 10,950.00  
 Total Offertory: \$ 21,959.00

May God bless you for your faithful stewardship!

**THIS WEEKEND - THE 2023 CATHOLIC APPEAL:**

Kindly review the information provided on the previous bulletin page and make your pledge this weekend if possible.

**Two Examples of What the Appeal Does:**

Your support of the CA allows the Addiction Recovery Ministry and Opioid Task Force to find and implement life-changing faith-inspired support and programs to anyone affected by addiction.

The Appeal also provides ongoing and wide-ranging operational support to parish food pantries as those suffering from food insecurity. Our parishes not only serve the faithful within the Church, they serve the needs of our communities also.

*"Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."*

MT 6:21

**PRAYERS AND MASS INTENTIONS:**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>March 11</b>
5:00	Roy Salvi, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Anv.
7:30	Joseph Katchpole, Jr.
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 12</b>
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Girl Scout Sunday
11:30	Ann Feeney
<b>Monday</b>	<b>March 13</b>
9:00	Funeral - Mary Jensen
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>March 14</b>
9:00	Linda Turcotte
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>March 15</b>
9:00	Deceased Members of the Aversa Family
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>March 16</b>
9:00	Paul T. Shea
<b>Friday</b>	<b>March 17</b>
9:00	Joyce Alice Murphy, 34 <sup>th</sup> Anv.
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>March 18</b>
5:00	Michael & Sylvia Paladino (Living)
7:30	Tricia Lange
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 19</b>
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Melissa Bachman
11:30	Salvatore Meli

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

**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, 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.



# Saint Mary's Parish

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March 12, 2022  
Third Sunday of Lent

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

As you read this, I and thirty-five parishioners are on Pilgrimage in the Holy Land. The Xaverian Fathers are generously covering Masses, Funerals, and Confessions during this time. Please pray for a safe journey and know that we are carrying you with us in spirit.

It would have been so very easy to judge her, the Samaritan woman. She was after all, a Samaritan, a people loathed and rejected by devout Jews in Jesus' day. She was by Jewish law also an adulteress, having been married many times, and living with a man who was not her husband. But instead of offering words of harsh judgment, Jesus makes a request: *"Give me a drink."* And then He talks with the woman, treating her with a respect that shocks her.

Respect is at the heart of today's Gospel and of all true Christian discipleship. It means looking again at one another; looking beyond differences of race, nationality, and creed; beyond the hurts and injuries of the past. Respect means to see every person as Jesus saw the woman at the well - as a gift to be celebrated - rather than as a specimen to be critiqued.

Jesus' respect for the Samaritan woman culminates halfway through the Gospel when He says, *"Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem."* *"Woman."* That is what Jesus calls the Samaritan. It's not remarkable in English, but a very particular Greek word for woman, *"gune,"* is used here. *"Gune"* is not a term used with strangers or for one being critically judged. Rather, it is a word of great endearment that can be translated as *"special lady."* In fact, Jesus uses this exact same word *"gune"* for His mother, Mary, at the wedding in Cana and at the Cross.

*"Jesus said to his mother, 'Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come.'"* Jn 2:4

*"When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, 'Woman, behold, your son.'"* Jn 19:26

A sinful Samaritan - respected as much as the Mother of God. How could that happen? Because the water drawn from the well that day was just a prelude to the blood and water that would flow from Jesus' wounded side. Washing away, the sins and sorrows of this world. The changing of water into wine at Cana, was nothing, compared to Jesus' greatest miracle - the transformation of human hearts. Teaching us to see one another as God sees us. As precious, as sacred, as worthy of love. The Samaritan woman had brought her jar out to the well to draw water. But in her encounter with Jesus, she received something far more significant. Living water. The truth of God's love for her. And the possibility of redemption in His Son.

It is not by accident that the Eucharist is often called the *"font"* and *"wellspring"* of salvation. To be in the Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, is to be with Jesus just as surely as the Samaritan Woman was when they had their beautiful encounter. If you have not yet done so, please sign up for an hour of Adoration during the upcoming Forty Hours Devotion. Drink deeply of Christ's True Presence in the Eucharist. And may you be spiritually refreshed by His grace and awesome love.

God bless you.

Rev. Mark J. Coiro  
Pastor



## LENTEN SUPPERS EVERY FRIDAY



Join us for a great meal, prayer and deepening your community connection to your St. Mary's family! Fridays: March 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](mailto: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!



**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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### 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 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.





**MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP:** Our next MSYG trip is on Friday, March 24, Late Night Cosmic Bowling! Our next Meeting is Sunday, April 2 from 6:30 – 8 PM. Paintball and Grade 6 & 7 Summer Whitewater Rafting Trips Sign Ups are this night! All 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Graders are welcome.

**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. Emails containing the sign-up genius will be sent out this week. Our

next meeting - 'Minute to Win it' is 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. Also, forms for our April Rock Climbing Trip will be available!

**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. Forms have been sent out, please reach out to Theresa Virzi with questions. Theresa can be reached at either her Primary Email: [stmarysym1870@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysym1870@gmail.com) as well as St. Mary's Mission Email at: [stmarysym.mission@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysym.mission@gmail.com). Forms and first payments will be due March 12 and collected until the T.G.I.F meeting on March 19.



**WINGS (Women in God's Spirit):** WINGS 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. WINGS has finished our very informative 2023 Winter Bible Study. We are re-scheduling our last speaker, Kelly Meraw, who had to cancel. Mark your calendars for our six-week Spring Season beginning on Wednesday, April 5 at 10 AM. During this Spring Season we will listen to speakers explain how they have put our yearly Relationships theme into action in their lives. More details to come. Suggested donation for the Spring season is \$20.00 unless you have previously paid for the entire WINGS year. All women are welcome, regardless of ability to pay. Email [stmaryswingssecretary@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryswingssecretary@gmail.com) to register or call Diane @508-259-7795 or Jen @617-852-9632.

**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 14. Please join us!



**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](mailto:stmarysre1870@gmail.com), or apply to be connected to a family in Beit Sahour through <https://forms.gle/s12FgtesxdK35yVM9>.



**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."

**\* Please be advised that this 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.**



**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: 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 508-429-2144. 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.

**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.

**PENNIES FROM HEAVEN 2023:** Our 2023 Lenten Pennies collection will continue to go to Fr. Eugene Montesi, formally at Fatima Shrine and Sierra Leone, who is now missioned in Scotland. In keeping with the tradition to support families in one of the poorest countries in the world, our "Pennies from Heaven" will go to children in Sierra Leone who suffer from club feet. Our donation will help cover the expense of surgery, which will insure a normal life for them. Fr. Eugene is extremely grateful for our generous efforts for these children in Sierra Leone. Pennies and coins can be dropped off in the Religious Ed. Center lobby during the Lenten season 2023.



**SHADOWS WOMEN'S SHELTER DRIVE:** Hello everyone! My name is Grace Burgett and I am a St. Mary's Junior at Holliston High School. I am a part of National Honor Society, and for my service project this year, I chose to make gift baskets for Shadows women's shelter in Ashland, MA, to be delivered by Easter. I am looking for donations of products or money donations. The cost of a whole basket is \$50, which covers the cost of all of the items in one basket. A \$15 donation covers the cost of a Fun Pack, which is 3 items that are already purchased. Money and product donations are being collected from Tuesday, March 7, until Thursday, March 30. Money donations may be made through Venmo: @Burgett6. A donation box for items is found in the parish center lobby. All donations are very much appreciated! Following is a list of all the needed items: hand cream between 3 and 5 ounces any scent; Lip Balm, Chapstick or any other brand or flavor; Socks, single pair one size fits all; Cosmetics, mascara, eye shadow (only 4-sections), blush (single); Nail polish any color and brand; Candy, Lindt truffles, jelly beans, or Starbursts. Thank you so much! Grace Burgett

**CLOW- CHILDREN K-6: CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:**

Today, Sunday, March 12, 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.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE**

DAY	GRADE	GRADE
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	
Mon. March 13	GR-5 at 4:00 PM	General Session
Tues. March 14	GR-3 at 4:00 PM	GR-6 at 4:00 PM
Weds. March 15	GR-2 at 4:15 PM	GR-7 at 6:00 PM
Sun. March 19	GR-K at 9:15 AM	GR-4 at 10:45 AM
	GR-5 at 10:45 AM	

**TODAY! 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

**TOMORROW! 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.

**GRADE 3 PARENT / TEACHER ROSARY KIT**

**MAKING PROJECT:** Parents and teachers are asked to help make Rosary kits for the Grade 3 children on Saturday, March 18 from 10 to 11 AM in Room 3 – 4. This is a hands on activity requiring lots of patience and good conversation. The children will complete the kits at their general session on Monday, May 1.

**The Lenten Class Pen Pal Project** is going strong! Students have been documenting what they are learning now, favorite prayers, Bible stories and more, to share



with the students of the Patriarchate School of our Sister Parish - Our Lady of Fatima. We look forward to sharing the faith of our young Catholics at St. Mary's across the world in Palestine!

**Vacation Bible School July 24-28!**

**SHINE THE LIGHT OF JESUS!** Blast off for a **STELLAR** week of Faith, Friendship and Fun! Registration opens for Grades K-6 children on April 1, 2023!

**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.

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

**NEW DATE! GRADE 9 RETREAT:** Students will meet in Fr. Haley Hall for their retreat on **Thursday, March 23, 4 PM-9 PM.**

**RETREAT FOR 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.

**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](mailto: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.*