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IS THE NATION WHOSE  
GOD IS THE  
lord  
PSALM 33:12



## 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 from 9:30-  
10:30 AM and as announced.

### 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 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  
 Mrs. Fran Crespi, D.R.E., Grades K-7  
 Mr. Mark Schiapucci, Interim Choir Director  
 Mr. Andrew John Rondelli, Interim Organist  
 Mrs. Mary Beth Harris, Parish Secretary  
 Mrs. Jennifer Burgett, Religious Education Secretary  
 Ms. Mary Sanning, Business Manager  
 Mrs. Najat Whalen, Sacristan  
 Mr. Billy Hanson, Parish Facilities  
 R & R Landscaping, Cemetery Care

As you will note above, the past month saw two staff transitions here at St. Mary's. In June we said farewell to our Religious Education Secretary of five years, Paula O'Brien; and also to our Youth Minister of two years, Theresa Virzi. We thank them both for their contributions to our parish and ask God to bless and guide them in future days. Please congratulate and welcome this week our new Religious Education Secretary, Mrs. Jennifer Burgett.

**RECTORY OFFICE SUMMER HOURS:** Please note that during the summer months of July and August the Rectory Office is closed on Mondays and Tuesdays. On other weekdays it remains open the usual 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM hours. Mass Cards may also be obtained at the Religious Education Office off of the Parish Center Lobby. Have a safe, faith filled summer!

**PARISH OFFERTORY LAST WEEKEND:**

Automatic Giving:	\$ 3,537.00
WeShare:	\$ 3,427.00
Mass Offertory and	
Envelopes Dropped Off	\$ 6,798.00
Total Offertory:	\$ 13,762.00
Weekly Need:	\$ 15,000.00
<b>Budget Shortfall:</b>	<b>\$ 1,238.00</b>

Thank you for your faithful stewardship! We urge all parishioners to please make the switch to Automatic Giving or WeShare. Learn how to do make the switch at: <https://stmarysholliston.com/how-to-give/>.

**WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS:** *"No one, however weak, is denied a share in the victory of the Cross. No one is beyond the help of the prayer of Christ. His prayer brought benefit to the multitude that raged against him. How much more does it bring to those who turn to him in repentance."* – St. Leo the Great

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>July 1</b>
5:00	Vincent Mullen
7:30	Marge Hebeisen
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>July 2</b>
7:30	Papa Ojulo
9:30	People of St. Mary's
11:30	Louis and Treva Paltrineri
<b>Monday</b>	<b>July 3</b>
9:00	Eneida Rivera
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>July 4</b>
9:00	Unity & Peace for Our Nation
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>July 5</b>
9:00	Holy Souls
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>July 6</b>
9:00	Rae Adams
<b>Friday</b>	<b>July 7</b>
9:00	Fr. Issa & the People of our Sister Parish, Our Lady of Fatima, Beit Sahour
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>July 8</b>
5:00	Anne M. "Nanci" Goguen, 10 <sup>th</sup> Anv.
7:30	William Daly, Jr.
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>July 9</b>
7:30	Vincenza Amato
9:30	People of St. Mary's
11:30	James Farrell

**A PRAYER FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY:**

God, source of all freedom,  
 this day is bright with the memory  
 of those who declared that life and liberty  
 are your gift to every human being.  
 Help us to continue a good work begun long ago.  
 Make our vision clear and our will strong:  
 that only in human solidarity will we find liberty,  
 and justice only  
 in the honor  
 that belongs  
 to every life on  
 earth.  
 Turn our hearts  
 toward the  
 family of  
 nations:  
 to understand  
 the ways of  
 others,  
 to offer friendship,  
 and to find safety only in the common good of all.  
 We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.





## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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

Yesterday we laid to rest our dear and faithful sister Therese Stewart. Known to many in Holliston as "Madame Stewart," from her years teaching in the French Immersion Program, Terri was a devoted Catholic and a true pillar of our parish. Firm in her beliefs, she was an incredibly kind and supportive woman. I will miss her very much. Please keep Terry and her loved ones in your prayers.

As we celebrate this week the birth of our nation, I invite us also to pray for our country's leaders. May God guide, inspire and empower them to serve His people well. Our nation was founded by men and women of faith fleeing other lands where they were forced to live in ways contrary to their moral convictions. For that reason, religious freedom is part of the very foundation of our United States, a precious right which every generation must cherish and protect.

Religious freedom is never about forcing people to live according to another's faith, but rather making sure that government never forces people of faith to compromise their beliefs in the way they live, work or worship. Many would like to see religion locked up in church on Sunday and kept as a strictly private matter, when in fact true faith becomes part of every aspect of one's life. It is the light which guides us, and the ruler against which we measure every choice that life presents. In the words of George Washington, "Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, Religion and morality are indispensable supports. In vain would that man claim the tribute of Patriotism who should labour to subvert these great Pillars of human happiness, these firmest buttresses of the duties of Men and citizens."

In recent years, the question of what Religious Freedom does and does not mean, has been very much part of the public debate. I therefore share as food for thought the following insights from PBS's "Rediscovering George Washington" Series.

"Given the importance of religion to Washington and the other Founders, it is difficult to understand the common view today that government should merely tolerate but never support or promote religion. Nothing could be further from the intentions of the Founders, as can be seen by simply looking at the First Amendment. The First Amendment states, 'Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof...'

In writing the First Amendment, the Founders had two concerns. The first was that in America there would be no established church like in 18<sup>th</sup> century Britain, France, and other European countries where one's political rights were protected only if one belonged to the official religion of the government. But the Founders never for a moment suggested that government ought not promote religion and morality generally.

Many people today think the First Amendment is built upon the idea that there is or should be a 'wall of separation between church and state.' That phrase is found not in the First Amendment, but in a letter Thomas Jefferson wrote while he was President of the United States to a group of Baptists (who were often persecuted in colonial times for their religious beliefs and practices). Jefferson wrote to assure them that their religious liberty would be protected.

When Jefferson wrote of the 'wall of separation between church and state,' he did not mean that religion must be kept entirely out of politics, or law. If he had meant that, he would have violated the 'wall of separation' at the very time he declared it. For, at the end of the letter to the Baptists, Jefferson, acting in his official capacity as President, concluded with a prayer: 'I reciprocate your kind prayers for the protection and blessing of the common Father and Creator of man.'

For the Founders, government support of religion is not the same as an 'establishment' of religion. How could it be, when the Founders themselves believed our natural rights to be gifts of God? In September 1789, the House of Representatives authorized the first official Thanksgiving. The resolution they passed called for 'a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God.' Moreover, they passed this on the very same day they passed the First Amendment, which said 'Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion.' Clearly those in the first Congress did not see any conflict between the First Amendment's prohibition on an established religion, and government sanctioning an official day of thanksgiving to God."

In Christ's Peace,  
Rev. Mark J. Coiro



**20 DAYS TO LAUNCH! VBS IS MONDAY, JULY 24 - FRIDAY, JULY 28!** Music CDs and Streaming Cards for all registered VBS families are now in the Religious Education Office and ready for pick up! Volunteer Cadets are always needed for VBS Set Up the week before - contact Patty Baribeau for details at: [stmarysVBSHolliston@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysVBSHolliston@gmail.com).

**CARDINAL O'MALLEY'S STATEMENT ON NEWTON, MA TRAGEDY:** "As priests, we serve to minister to people in times of great loss and tragedy. Often words are not enough to help families and friends come to terms with the loss of a loved one. We look to God for answers. We seek to understand. Often, we simply cannot make sense of what has happened. But our faith sustains us, and in this moment of enormous pain, we know that God is with us always. This week and for the weeks, months, and years ahead, the brutal and senseless murders of Gilda D'Amore, her husband, Bruno D'Amore, and Gilda's mother, Lucia Arpino, will stay with us as we come to terms with this unimaginable loss. They loved Christ and the Church. On the day of their murders, Gilda and Bruno were to celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary at Our Lady Help of Christians. They lived their Catholic faith proudly and in service to the Church. I am currently in Rome and will offer Mass for Gilda, Bruno, and Lucia at St. Peter's Basilica. In our prayers, we will also remember the parishioners of Our Lady Help of Christians Parish and their sister parish Sacred Heart, their pastor Father Dan Riley, the parish staff and the entire community of Newton. We give thanks for the parish community of Our Lady Help of Christians and the surrounding Catholic communities coming together to support and care for each other. With God's help, we will remember the gift of the lives of Gilda, Bruno and Lucia."

**TRAVELING?** Check out [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org) to find out the name, location and Mass schedule of the nearest Catholic Church anywhere in America. God never takes a vacation from us; let us make time on vacation for God.

**THE ROSE FOR LIFE:** Is sponsored this week by Anthony and Adele Polise. Please join them in prayer for an unborn child. To sponsor the Rose for Life for 2023/2024 please call the Rectory at 429-4427.

**PANTRY SHELF SUMMER HELP:** Paper towels, Chunky Peanut Butter, jelly, tuna, ketchup, Chef Boyardee Beef Ravioli, Progresso Soups, canned fruits, pasta, pasta sauce, snacks, and juice boxes. Donations may be dropped off in the tan bin by St. Mary's main parking lot entrance.

**WINGS:** We have spent a very fruitful WINGS 2022-23 year studying, reflecting on, and improving our relationships with God, our families, and our communities with the help of our inspiring speakers. All our 2022-23 WINGS presentations can be found on the [WINGS website](#). Scroll down to the bottom. Feel free to share these with anyone you think might be interested. We are now evaluating our WINGS plans for next year. Tell us what topics you would like to know more about or speakers you would like to hear. What would bring you to WINGS? Email [stmaryswingssecretary@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryswingssecretary@gmail.com) or call Jen at 617-852-9632 or Diane at 508-259-7795.

**KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS 15<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CHARITY RAFFLE:** The Council is selling chances for our annual Charity Raffle. This is your chance to win \$1,000 or \$500 or \$250 or \$150 or \$100. Tickets are a book of five tickets for \$20 or one ticket for \$5. If you haven't had a chance to get your tickets yet, please send a check to: Tom Anguish at 542 Winter Street, Holliston, 01746. Thank you for your help!

**THANK YOU KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS!** Many thanks to St. Mary's Knights and their Ladies for all their hard work hosting last weekend's Parish Family BBQ! It was a tremendous evening with over 200 in attendance. What fun it was to see Country Singer Shanna Jackman dancing with the little kids and even letting them help her sing a song! A special thank you to Linda and Devin Scruton for the saddles and toy riding horses!





**HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP FORMS WERE DUE THIS PAST FRIDAY, JUNE 30!** All participants need to return the four Mission Forms they received at the June 22 Mission Meeting. Please make sure they are printed neatly and that all sections are fully completed. If you have not done so already, please return the forms to St. Mary's using the vertical brass mail slot to the left of the Rectory Office door right away!

**ST. MARY'S MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP:** Brownstone Quarry Park, CT: Thursday, July 20; Deerfield Rafting: Friday, August 18. All trips are full, adventure awaits!

**ATTENTION BOY SCOUTS:** Deacon Ron Dowding is organizing a program of study for the prestigious Pope Pius XII Award. The program explores how adults and young adults can apply faith to our daily lives. It is open to any Catholic Scout in any troop - but is ideally designed for scouts aged 15 and older. There are no other prerequisites. The program has a duration of 6 - 7 months. Deacon Ron will be making arrangements for an introductory meeting to describe the program in detail. If you are interested, please contact him directly at 508-429-3961.

**16<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ALTAR SERVER APPRECIATION TRIP TO SIX FLAGS NEW ENGLAND:** This year's trip is Tuesday, August 1. You should have received both an email and a postal mail packet with the Permission Form. Return the Permission Form plus a check for \$30 made out to "St. Mary's Parish" to the Rectory at 8 Church Street by next Sunday, July 9. The \$30 will be returned to you as cash for meals, etc. the day of the trip. Departure is now at 8:15 AM from the Parish Center and return will be at 8-8:30 PM. Thank you for your faithful Ministry!



**WHAT IS THAT PLANT?** Several parishioners have asked what the plant is growing at the corner of our parking lot exit onto Church Street. The plant appeared there last year, but this summer has grown many feet tall and is now starting to bloom and flower. The plant is a "Great Mullein," a biennial wildflower plant that spends its first year as a rosette of furry leaves, and produces its flowers in its second year, between June and August. The yellow, candle-like flower spikes of the Great Mullein can reach up to 6.5 feet in height, making it an impressive plant. The grey-green, oval, leaves of Great Mullein are covered in woolly hairs and appear in whorls around the tall stems. The flower spike appears at the top of the stem - the flowers themselves are small, but they form dense, yellow clusters around the spike.

*"Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these!"*

- Luke 12:27



**REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW PAST DUE.** A \$50 late fee will be added to late registrations. Please register now to secure the best class times for your children.

Our office needs registrations now in order to project the number of volunteer Teachers and Monitors needed to have a smooth opening day in the Fall. If you are a new family to St. Mary's and have school age children, our program offers Faith Formation beginning Pre-K through Grade 10. Families are welcome to join our community of faith and experience the many programs we offer to assist in our life-long journey and relationship with God. Forms are available online at: <https://stmarysholliston.com/religious-education/religious-education-registration/>.

### NEWCOMERS TO PRE-K, KINDERGARTEN

**AND GRADE 1:** If you are a new or a registered family to St. Mary's and have young children entering these grades you are welcome to register your children for Religious Education. Please note that children must complete Grade 1 before entering our Grade 2 program. Request a registration form by calling 508-429-6076 or visit our website at:

<https://stmarysholliston.com/religious-education/religious-education-registration/>.

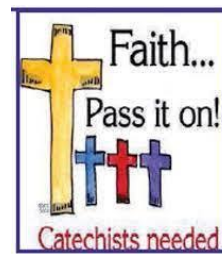
### CLASSES BEGIN THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 17.

GRADES	SESSIONS DAYS AND TIMES	TEACHER OPPORTUNITIES
PRE-K & Kind.	Sun., 9:15-10:30 AM	<b>6</b> (6 classes)
	Sun., 9:15-10:30 AM	<b>8</b> (8 classes)
GR-1A	Sun., 8:10-9:20 AM	<b>10</b> (12 classes)
GR-2A	Sun., 8:10-9:20 AM	<b>6</b> (Alt. Weeks)
	Sun., 10:45 AM-12:00 PM	<b>4</b> (Alt. Weeks)
GR-2A	Sun., 10:45 AM-12:00 PM	<b>6</b> (Alt. Weeks)
GR-3A	Sun., 7:55 to 9:25 AM and Sun., 10:45 AM-12:15 PM	<b>3</b> (Alt. Weeks)
		<b>4</b> (Alt. Weeks)
GR-4+5A	Sun., 10:45 AM-12:15PM	<b>3/3</b> (Alt. Weeks)
GR-6A	Sun., 4:00-5:30 PM	<b>4</b> (Alt. Weeks)
GR-7A	Sun., 5:00-6:30 PM	<b>4</b> (Alt. Wks.)
GR-9A	Sun., 11:30 AM Mass w/ class ending at 2:30 PM	<b>8</b> (Once/month)
GR-10A	Sun., 11:30 AM Mass w/ class ending at 2:30 PM	<b>8</b> (Once/month)
GR-8B	Mon., 6:00-7:30 PM	<b>4</b> (Alt. Weeks)
GR-3+4C	Tues., 4:00-5:30 PM	<b>4/4</b> (Alt. Weeks)
GR-5+6C	Tues., 4:00-5:30 PM	<b>4/4</b> (Alt. Weeks)
GR-8C	Tues., 6:00-7:30 PM	<b>4</b> (Alt. Weeks)
GR-2D	Wed., 4:15-5:30 PM	<b>6</b> (Alt. Weeks)
GR-3D	Wed., 4:00-5:30 PM	<b>4</b> (Alt. Weeks)
GR-7D	Wed., 6:00-7:30 PM	<b>4</b> (Alt. Weeks)
GR-4+5E	Thur., 4:00-5:30 PM	<b>2/2</b> (Alt. Weeks)

**Bold Numbers** in "Teacher Opportunities" indicate Teachers that will be needed.

**GRADES 1, 4, 5, AND 7 COORDINATORS ARE NEEDED:** We have volunteer opportunities for Coordinators to fill slots for Grades 1, 4, 5 and 7. Training is provided. Grade 1 introduces the children to God's love for them, and how to love one another. Grade 4 covers the Ten Commandments; Grade 5 the seven Sacraments and Grade 7 on understanding the Gospel teachings of Jesus Christ and becoming His Disciples. Please call 508-429-6076 or email Fran at [st.marysDRE@gmail.com](mailto:st.marysDRE@gmail.com) if you can inspire and lead our volunteer teachers to become ambassadors for Christ.

*Please note that R.E. Coordinators are responsible for guiding and assisting both teachers and students in growing in their relationship with Christ and His Church. Since this is done best by example, all parish coordinators are required to be regularly practicing members of the St. Mary's Worshipping Community*



**TITHING OUR TIME, GIFTS AND TALENTS FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD:** As you prepare for summer vacations please pray as to how you can help St. Mary's Parish Religious Education Program become more vibrant and joyful for our children and youth so

that they will actively live out their faith. Come and join the many volunteers who tithe their time to serve Christ's family and share the Good News He proclaimed to us all. Contact us at: 508-429-6076 or by email at [st.marysre1870@gmail.com](mailto:st.marysre1870@gmail.com). Volunteer forms are also on the table outside the Religious Education office.

**CORI VOLUNTEER RENEWAL ALERT:** If you are an active volunteer (18+ years) or planning to volunteer in any ministry, we must have a completed **2024 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 FY2024 form has already been submitted, we do not need another.*

Wishing all parishioners a safe and blessed Independence Day. May we take the time to be thankful for God's grace and blessings upon our Nation.

**GOD BLESS AMERICA!**

**HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!**