

*Come unto me,
all ye that labour
and are heavy laden,
and I will give you rest.*

- Matthew 11:28

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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Email Address: St.marys1870@gmail.com
Rectory Phone: (508) 429 - 4427
Religious Education Phone: (508) 429 - 6076

Dear Visitors: Welcome! We are delighted that you chose to worship with us this day. Please introduce yourself to the priest, and if you are interested in becoming a member of the parish then please register through our website or by calling the rectory. Please also be aware that for generations it has been the custom at St. Mary's to kneel together for a silent Hail Mary at the end of Mass. Please join in!

Confession: Saturdays from Noon to 12:45 PM, or by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick: Any time by appointment. Please call as soon as you are aware of a serious illness or upcoming surgery.

Baptism: The 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!

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

RECTORY OFFICE SUMMER HOURS: Please note that during the summer months 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. Thank you.

PARISH OFFERTORY LAST WEEKEND:

Automatic Giving:	\$ 5,607.50
WeShare:	\$ 5,667.00
Mass Offertory and	
Envelopes Dropped Off	\$ 7,179.00
Total Offertory:	\$ 18,453.50

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

WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS: *"Consult not your fears but your hopes and your dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in, but with what it is still possible for you to do. The secret of everything is to let oneself be carried by God and so to carry Him to others. If God created shadows, it was to better emphasize the light."*

— Pope Saint John XXIII

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.

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday	July 8
5:00	Anne M. "Nanci" Goguen, 10 th Anv.
7:30	William Daly, Jr.
Sunday	July 9
7:30	Vincenza Amato
9:30	People of St. Mary's
11:30	James Farrell
Monday	July 10
9:00	Dr. John Cocchiarella
Tuesday	July 11
9:00	Mary Gallagher
Wednesday	July 12
9:00	Annmarie Giaquinto
Thursday	July 13
9:00	John Cocchiarella
Friday	July 14
9:00	Ronald & Mary Buttarazzi (Living)
Saturday	July 15
5:00	Mission Going Forth Mass
7:30	Vasco & Pauline Brovelli
Sunday	July 16
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Rita Anne Horgan, 4 th Anv.
11:30	Earl & Lorraine King

BETHANY HOUSE

HOPE CHEST: The Bethany House Hope Chest, located at 1134 Main Street in Millis is looking for donations of good used or new items. All proceeds from the Hope Chest help to support Bethany House Ministries, our non-profit charitable organization.



Bethany House Ministries is rooted in the Gospel and in the spirit of Blessed Jean Joseph Lataste OP who recognized in his work with prisoners that God's love has the power to heal, transform, and renew those who may have seemed hopeless to many. Bethany House Ministries fosters a compassionate and just world by being a community that stands in solidarity with those who are marginalized.

Shopping at the Hope Chest is not only a fun and friendly experience it is also an investment in the future of someone in need. If you can help us, please contact either Ruth or Nghia at (508) 376-0824.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

What a comforting message the Lord offers us in today's Gospel verse. We all know what it is to feel burdened – to be tired and worried about matters such as health, finances, violence, the environment, our relationships, or just the trials of everyday life.

But Jesus promises that we need not face these things alone. *"Take My yoke upon you,"* He says, inviting us to supplement our human weakness with His own divine strength. We do this every time we pray. We do this when we fortify our souls with the Holy Eucharist. We do this when we seek His will when there are hard choices to make.

The *"rest"* Jesus speaks of will not be perfect for us until one day we complete our earthly pilgrimage. But even here we can learn to surrender our burdens to the Lord, trusting that His will is always for our good and benefit. Knowing that He is ever faithful, and will give the final victory to those who trust in Him.

So, in the words of St. Francis de Sales, *"Do not look forward to what may happen tomorrow; the same everlasting Father who cares for you today will take care of you tomorrow and every day. Either He will shield you from suffering, or He will give you unfailing strength to bear it."*

Be at peace, then, put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations, and say continually: 'The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart has trusted in Him and I am helped. He is not only with me but in me and I in Him.'"

God bless you.

Rev. Mark J. Coiro



P.S. A warm welcome to the Xavierian Fathers' new dog, "Napoleon," who just moved into the Fatima Shrine. It's great to have another "Church Dog" in town!



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.

**BLESSING OF
ST. MARY'S
SUMMER MISSION
TRIP TEENS AND
LEADERS NEXT
SATURDAY:**

At the 5 PM Vigil
Mass on July 15, we
will bless the 53

St. Mary's teens and adult leaders taking part in this summer's Mission Trip to Florida. At the Mass they each will also receive a "Scripture Bracelet," with God's Word to inspire them as they carry out His good work. Please pray for our group, who will minister to hurricane victims in Florida from July 16 - 23.



HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP FORMS WERE DUE 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!**

**EMAIL ADDRESSES FOR ST. MARY'S MISSION TRIPS AND YOUTH**

MINISTRY: St. Mary's is currently unable to access either of these email addresses. If you have emailed them in the past few weeks, that is why you have not received a reply. We sincerely apologize for the inconvenience. We are working to get these accounts working again, but in the meantime any Mission Trip or Religious Education matters should go to the attention of Jennifer Burgett in our main Religious Education Office at: st.marysre1870@gmail.com. Thank you.

TRAVELING? Check out 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 a parishioner in memory of Vasco and Pauline Brovelli. 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.

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 or call Jen at 617-852-9632 or Diane at 508-259-7795.

KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS 15th 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!



ANNUAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS (10/29): All couples celebrating their 10th, 25th, or 50th wedding anniversaries are invited to join Cardinal Seán O'Malley, O.F.M. Cap. on Sunday, October 29, 2023, at 3:00 PM at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Boston. The Mass includes a vow renewal and special blessing by the Cardinal. Family and friends are invited to attend. Couples can register or find more information at bit.ly/WeddingAnnivMass.

WALKING WITH THE SAINTS: Who doesn't love a good saint story? Join us every other week for "Walking with the Saints" - a video series where priests and religious from around the Archdiocese of Boston share about a saint they've come to know. Watch now on the Evangelize YouTube Channel – [YouTube.com/EvangelizeBoston](https://www.youtube.com/EvangelizeBoston).

JULY 9 ~ FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: *"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."* Savor these words of comfort. They are an expression of how Christ is present to you. Then, consider if there is someone you know who needs this blessed assurance, someone who is not here with you today. Invite that person to join you at Mass next week. The invitation is simple...Come and rest in the Lord.

16th 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 **today, 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!



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.

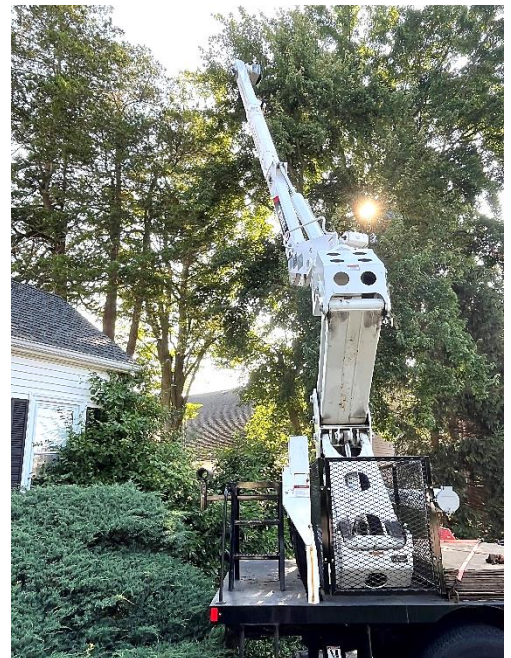
NFP COMMUNITY MASS AND GATHERING (7/23)

Come and join families and friends from the natural family planning community as we gather on Sunday, July 23rd from 3:00-6:00 PM for Mass, food, and fellowship at Saint Mary's Parish in Waltham, MA. After the 3 PM Mass, we will gather as a community in the parish hall to share a meal and discuss all things NFP together. Please come, and bring the kids, too! Register at <https://bit.ly/NFPGathering>.

VIRTUAL ROSARY FOR COUPLES EXPERIENCING INFERTILITY, DIFFICULT PREGNANCIES, OR MISCARRIAGE

(7/27): *"Abandon yourself in the hands of Mary. She will take care of you."* - St. Padre Pio Are you or someone you know experiencing infertility, difficult pregnancies, or miscarriage? If so, we invite you to come and offer your prayers and petitions to our Mother Mary, by meditating on the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary. Come and unite your prayers with others from the archdiocese on Thursday, July 27th at 7:00 PM as Fr. Matt Williams leads us in this virtual prayer experience. Register at <https://bit.ly/NFPWeekRosary>.

TREE WORK AT ST. MARY'S: This past Friday you may have noticed a lot of activity on our church and rectory grounds. Many dead branches were trimmed from our trees, including some large ones very high up that posed a danger to persons or property if they fell. Last week also saw repeated applications of treatments to our dogwood and pine trees, which were both suffering blight from a fungal infestation. This work will be completed one day next week. Thank you for your patience while it is underway!





REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW PAST DUE: If you have not yet done so, please register your children and youth in order to secure the day and class session of your choice. We are currently

planning and **placing registered children and youth into** their assigned sessions. Please do not wait until the summer comes to a close. Our office needs all registrations in now so we can 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 with 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/>.

CLASSES BEGIN THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 17.

GRADES	SESSIONS DAYS AND TIMES	TEACHERS NEEDED
PRE-K & Kind.	Sun., 9:15-10:30 AM	6 (6 classes)
	Sun., 9:15-10:30 AM	8 (8 classes)
GR-1A	Sun., 8:10-9:20 AM	10 (12 classes)
GR-2A	Sun., 8:10-9:20 AM	6 (Alt. Weeks)
	Sun., 10:45 AM-12:00 PM	4 (Alt. Weeks)
GR-2A	Sun., 10:45 AM-12:00 PM	6 (Alt. Weeks)
GR-3A	Sun., 7:55 to 9:25 AM and Sun., 10:45 AM-12:15 PM	3 (Alt. Weeks)
		4 (Alt. Weeks)
GR-4+5A	Sun., 10:45 AM-12:15PM	3/3 (Alt. Weeks)
GR-6A	Sun., 4:00-5:30 PM	4 (Alt. Weeks)
GR-7A	Sun., 5:00-6:30 PM	4 (Alt. Wks.)
GR-8B	Mon., 6:00-7:30 PM	4 (Alt. Weeks)
GR-3+4C	Tues., 4:00-5:30 PM	4/4 (Alt. Weeks)
GR-5+6C	Tues., 4:00-5:30 PM	4/4 (Alt. Weeks)
GR-9C	Tues., 6:30 to 8:30 PM	5 (Alt Weeks)
GR-10C	Tues., 6:30 to 8:30 PM	5 (Alt Weeks)
GR-8C	Wed, 6:00-7:30 PM	4 (Alt. Weeks)
GR-2D	Wed., 4:15-5:30 PM	6 (Alt. Weeks)
GR-3D	Wed., 4:00-5:30 PM	4 (Alt. Weeks)
GR-7D	Wed., 6:00-7:30 PM	4 (Alt. Weeks)
GR-4+5E	Thur., 4:00-5:30 PM	2/2 (Alt. Weeks)
GR-9E	Thur., 6:30 - 8:30 PM	5 (Alt. Weeks)
GR-10E	Thur., 6:30 - 8:30 PM	5 (Alt. Weeks)

GRADES 5 AND 7 COORDINATORS ARE

NEEDED: We have volunteer opportunities for Coordinators to fill slots for Grades 5 and 7. Training is provided. Grade 5 covers 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 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

WELOME OUR NEW GRADE COORDINATORS:

We are pleased to welcome Kathy DellaRocca as our Grade 1 Coordinator and Erica Kuharich as our Grade 4 Coordinator.

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/>.

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. 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 **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 FY2024 form has already been submitted, we do not need another.*



GET READY TO BLAST OFF FOR A STELLAR TRIP! Experience God's gift of Faith and Friendship while having a week of Fun at our **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ~ JULY 24-28!**