



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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Website: www.stmarysholliston.com

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!



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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

A big thank you to all who made this past week's Vacation Bible School such a success. 138 children and leaders experienced, "Stellar ~ Shine Jesus' Light!" Patty Baribeau, Melissa Cataldo, Kristin Roberto, Najat Whalen, Lisa Dufault, Emily Bukow, Karen Haynes, Virginia Calapa, and their crew of adult and teen volunteers put such wonderful faith and enthusiasm into every single aspect of VBS, and I know it will prove a blessing in the lives of all who took part. Thank you also to the Knights of Columbus, the Meisners, the Pierces, the Burgetts, and Sharon Febo for helping construct our VBS "space!" Today at the 9:30 AM Mass many of the VBS kids will be present, sharing one of the songs and lots of the joy from these days of grace.

Last Sunday, fifty-three St. Mary's teens and adult leaders returned from their week of Mission outreach in Florida. I thank all the adult leaders who put untold hours and effort into pulling the Mission together, as well as all who have supported the group in their fundraising efforts over the past year.

Today's New Testament reading reveals the great truth that *"In all things God works for the good of those who love him."* Last year's Florida hurricanes caused many deaths and also widespread destruction that uprooted the lives of many thousands more. And yet even from such an evil, "God can work for good." God is never the source of tragedy in our lives, but if invited, He can turn even such sorrow into an opportunity for grace.

Just look at our Mission Group! First God moved the hearts of our teens and adult leaders with compassion for the hurricane victims and a desire to reach out to them. A tragic event brought forth the spirit of Christian love in our own parishioners – to their good, and to the good of all those whom they assisted in Florida. Some of the good was in the form of physical assistance and repairs. But the greater and lasting good, came when the people of Florida learned our Missionaries were there because they love God. That their good works were born out of faith. Our teens and adults were living proof for them, that while life is hard, God is good. And that *"in all things God works for the good of those who love him."*

In Christ's Peace,

Rev. Mark J. Coiro

A FEW MORE FLORIDA MISSION PICS!



And we know that in ALL things
God works for the good
of those who love him,

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:	\$ 3,713.50
WeShare:	\$ 3,172.00
Mass Offertory and	
Envelopes Dropped Off	\$ 5,718.00
Total Offertory:	\$ 12,603.50
Weekly Need:	\$ 15,000.00

Shortfall - \$ 2,396.50

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/>.

THE ROSE FOR LIFE: Is sponsored this week by the Kevin Reilly Family. 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.

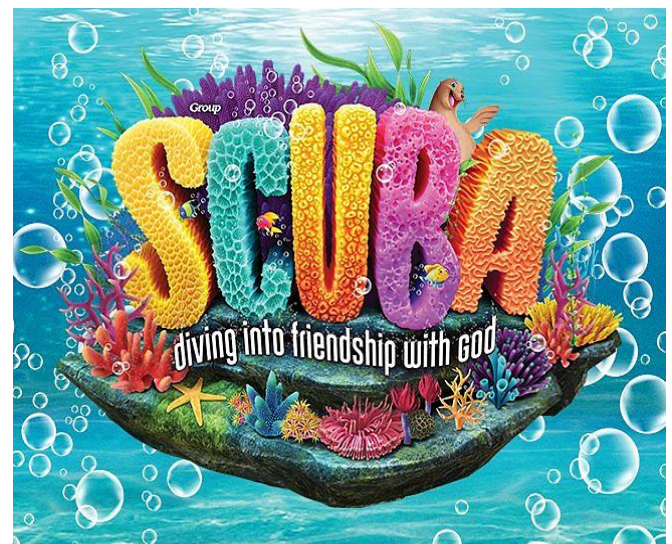
52 SUNDAYS

FIFTY-TWO SUNDAYS: Take a look at this dynamic guide to help you and your family reclaim the Lord's Day with prayer, activities, food, and more!
https://www.52sundays.com/?mc_cid=26ca09e1b1&mc_eid=8c52ceb7b3.

"Sunday is the Lord's Day. Let us find time to be with Him!" - Pope Francis

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday	July 29
5:00	Jon Simpson
7:30	Kay McGilvray
Sunday	July 30
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	VBS Closing Mass
11:30	Gerald Roy, 6 th Anv.
Monday	July 31
9:00	Thomas Burns
Tuesday	August 1
9:00	Timothy Finn
Wednesday	August 2
9:00	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Thursday	August 3
9:00	Barbara Brown, 6 th Anv.
Friday	August 4
9:00	Fr. Issa & the People of our Sister Parish, Our Lady of Fatima, Beit Sahour
Saturday	August 5
5:00	Thomas & Shirley Chipman
7:30	Bill & Martha Kreinsen
Sunday	August 6
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Richard Chase
11:30	Linda Moore



STELLAR VBS: Did you enjoy our 2023 VBS
 "Stellar ~ Shine Jesus' Light!"?

Then save the dates for
 next summer's VBS,
**"SCUBA ~ Diving into
 friendship with God!"**
July 22 – 26, 2024.



SUMMER IS HERE! PLEASE CONSIDER SWITCHING TO ELECTRONIC GIVING FOR YOUR PARISH SUPPORT.

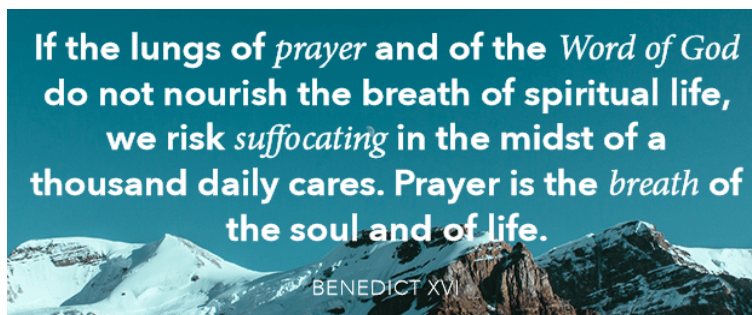
Each year, St. Mary's faces the challenge of a summer offertory drop off when people are travelling. Just as your mortgage, utility bills, etc., all still have to be paid when you are on vacation or otherwise away from home, so St. Mary's expenses still remain when you are not able to worship at your own parish on a given weekend. That is why making up your "missed" weekly offertory support is so very important. Mass envelopes can help you keep track of this.

But an even better option is electronic / automatic giving. This allows you to maintain your customary weekly parish support even when you are away on vacation. It also protects your parish on long holiday weekends, foul weather weekends, sickness, (even pandemic), or other challenges during the year. These online services allow you to maintain your support without having to remember to mail or drop off envelopes. Even if you are at Mass, these forms of giving mean not having to remember to bring checkbooks and / or envelopes with you.

Learn how to make the switch at:

<https://stmarysholliston.com/how-to-give/>

"A Christian steward is one who receives God's gifts gratefully, cherishes and tends them in a responsible and accountable manner, shares them in justice and love with others, and returns them with increase to the Lord."



WINGS (Women in God's Spirit) is a ministry of encouragement and enrichment for women of all ages who seek to deepen their faith and grow in relationship with God and one another. Our Fall 2023 Season is titled **"PRAYER – A CONVERSATION WITH GOD."**

Our schedule has not yet been finalized, but we will meet Wednesdays (in person and through Zoom) from 9:45 to 11:15 AM in Father Haley Hall starting in October. The meeting includes prayer, an inspiring

speaker presentation on a relevant topic of the Catholic faith and large or small group sharing with WOMEN OF ALL AGES. Are you a new mom, recently retired or working from home - then consider giving yourself the gift of growing in faith through the WINGS program. Can you carve out an hour once a week to learn more about your Catholic faith and deepen your relationship with God? We hope you will join us. Please let us know when you register if you will require babysitting so we can arrange for childcare. WINGS asks for dues of \$50 per year, or \$20 per season (Fall, Winter, Spring) to defray speaker fees; however, everyone is welcome regardless of ability to pay. For additional information about the WINGS ministry, please call Jen Schiller at 617-852-9632 or Diane Collins at 508-259-7795. To register for WINGS, email stmaryswingssecretary@gmail.com.



TRUE WISDOM: In our first reading we hear that God appeared to King Solomon telling him to ask for whatever he wanted. Take note, Solomon does not ask for riches or a long life or an untroubled life. Solomon asks for an understanding heart! Consider - would your answer be like that of Solomon? To help us be clearer about what is important, Jesus gives us two short parables, the pearl of great price and the hidden treasure that is sought after and found. Do you think about of your faith as a pearl of great price, or a treasure to seek after? These readings give us much food for prayer ~ about what we value, what we seek after, and whose we want to be!

16th ANNUAL ALTAR SERVER APPRECIATION TRIP TO SIX FLAGS NEW ENGLAND: This year's trip is *this Tuesday, August 1*. Please carefully review the "To Bring" email you were sent on Friday. Departure is 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: Our next trip is Whitewater Rafting the Deerfield River on Friday, August 18. The Fall MSYG Kick Off Event is Sunday, October 1, from 6:30 - 8 PM in Fr. Haley Hall. MSYG is open to ALL 6th, 7th & 8th Graders - not just Catholics and not just from St. Mary's. Join us for a new year of Faith, Friendship, Service and Fun Adventure awaits!

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 functioning 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.

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.



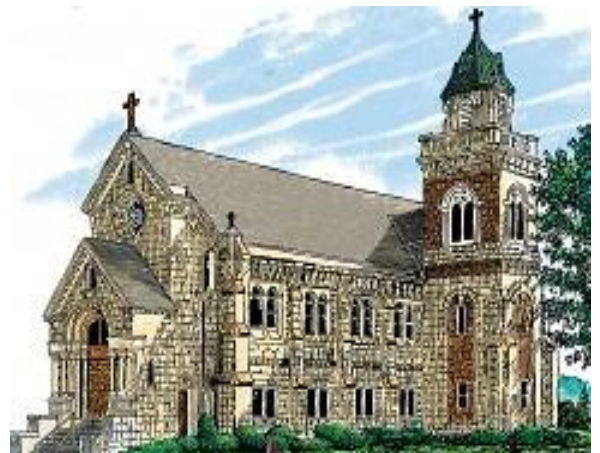
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YOUNG EYES**
defending kids from online danger

PROTECT YOUNG EYES: Our mission? We show families, schools, and churches how to create safer digital spaces. We do this with a great website, powerful presentations, and a unique learning app for parents who have ZERO free time. Click the image at left or visit us at:

https://protectyoungeyes.com/?mc_cid=26ca09e1b1&mc_eid=8c52ceb7b3

CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS: St. Mary's will be offering a Confirmation preparation program for adults who have not yet received this holy sacrament. The program is open to Catholic adults (aged 18 to 118) who have already received the sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist. Meetings will be held weekly beginning in the early autumn leading to the sacrament in the spring. To learn more about the program or to register, please reach out to Deacon Ronald Dowding at 508-429-3961.

NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE DIVINE MERCY: St. Mary's Knights of Columbus Council is marking our 15th anniversary here at St. Mary's Parish! As part of our celebration, we are organizing a bus trip to Stockbridge, Mass., on Friday, September 29. We are welcoming anyone in the parish to join us! Our plan includes a visit to the downtown shopping area of the town, a luncheon at the world-famous Red Lion Inn (now celebrating its 250th anniversary) and a visit to the National Shrine of Divine Mercy. We will leave St. Mary's parking lot at 8:00 AM and return at 6:00 PM. The Council is subsidizing a portion of the cost to reduce the per person fee to just \$69. It promises to be a fun and wonderful day to spend with fellow parishioners. If you're interested in joining us, contact Deacon Ron Dowding at 508-429-3961, Tom Brodo at 201-874-5635, or Mitch Liro at 508-429-6098.



REGISTRATIONS FOR 2023-2024 ARE NOW

PAST DUE: Please do not wait until summer comes to a close to register your children and youth. To secure a class session and time for your children it is important to register for classes today! Just a minimum of \$50.00 and a signed payment plan will register your children. We also offer scholarships to families in need. To project the number of teachers and monitors for our Fall program it is necessary to have registrations in ASAP. Registered children and youth are being assigned to classes that have volunteer teachers.

NEWCOMERS TO PRE-K, KINDERGARTEN

AND GRADE 1: New families and present St. Mary's families are welcome to register their Pre-K and Kindergarten children for Religious Education. Request a registration form by calling 508-429-6076 or visit our website at: <https://stmarysholliston.com/religious-education/religious-education-registration/>.

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 contact us at 508-429-6076 or by email: st.marysdre1870@gmail.com if you can inspire and lead our volunteer teachers to become ambassadors for Christ.

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 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.*

GRADE 2 TEACHERS FOR 2023-2024: Grade 2 is a Sacramental year to prepare the children for their First Confession and First Holy Communion. Please consider partnering with another Mom or Dad to teach a class. See the chart to the right for available teaching times. Contact us at 508-429-6076 or at: st.marysre1870@gmail.com.

WISDOM FOR OUR YOUTH: *"Dear young people, you have many plans and dreams for the future. But, is the Christ at the center of each of your plans and dreams?"*

- Pope Francis

**CLASSES BEGIN THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 17.**

Grades 1 through 10 meet on alternate weeks. Grades Pre-K, and K meet approximately once a month.

GRADE	SESSION DAY AND TIME	TEACHER NEEDS	MONITOR
	SUNDAY		
PRE-K & Kind.	9:15-10:30 AM	4 Teens	1
	9:15-10:30 AM	6 Teachers	1
GR-1A	8:10 to 9:20 AM	8 Teachers	Filled
GR-2A	8:10 to 9:20 AM	4 Teachers	Filled
GR-2A	10:45 - Noon	2 Teachers	1
GR-3A	10:45AM-12:15 PM	3 Teachers	1
GR-4A	10:45AM-12:15 PM	3 Teachers	1
GR-5A	10:45AM-12:15 PM	2 Teachers	1
GR-6A	4:00 to 5:30 PM	3 Teachers	1
GR-7A	5:00 to 6:30 PM	3 Teachers	1
	MONDAY		
GR-8B	6:00 to 7:30 PM	4 Teachers	1
	TUESDAY		
GR-3C	4:00 to 5:30 PM	3 Teachers	Filled
GR-4C	4:00 to 5:30 PM	2 Teachers	1
GR-5C	4:00 to 5:30 PM	2 Teachers	1
GR-6C	4:00 to 5:30 PM	3 Teachers	1
GR-9C	6:30 to 8:30 PM	5 Teachers	1
GR-10C	6:30 to 8:30 PM	4 Teachers	1
	WEDNESDAY		
GR-2D	4:15 to 5:30 PM	4 Teachers	Filled
GR-7D	6:00 to 7:30 PM	4 Teachers	Filled
GR-8D	6:00 to 7:30 PM	4 Teachers	1
	THURSDAY		
GR-4E	4:00 to 5:30 PM	2 Teachers	1
GR-5E	4:00 to 5:30 PM	2 Teachers	1
GR-9E	6:30 to 8:30 PM	5 Teachers	1
GR-10E	6:30 to 8:30 PM	4 Teachers	1

MORNING OF REFLECTION FOR ALL

CATECHISTS: September 16 at 9:00 AM- 12:00 PM, We invite all faith formation leaders and catechists to a morning of reflection at the Pastoral Center in Braintree. Join other catechists from around the Archdiocese for Mass, breakfast, a talk by Susan Abbott, and fellowship. Return to your parish affirmed in your important ministry, strengthened through prayer, and encouraged by brothers and sisters in Christ. Click [HERE](#) for more information and / or to register.