



# 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: As 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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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 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

**PARISH OFFERTORY LAST WEEKEND:**

Automatic Giving:	\$ 3,838.00
WeShare:	\$ 2,957.00
Mass Offertory and Envelopes Dropped Off	\$ 6,086.00
Total Offertory:	\$ 12,881.00
Weekly Need:	\$ 15,000.00

**Shortfall - \$ 2,119.00**



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/>

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>August 19</b>
5:00	Lorraine D’Amelio
7:30	Gabriel Parmese, 8 <sup>th</sup> Anv.
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>August 20</b>
7:30	People of St. Mary’s
9:30	Michael & Sylvia Paladino (Living)
11:30	Mary and Jeanne Miley
<b>Monday</b>	<b>August 21</b>
9:00	John Dunham
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>August 22</b>
<b>9:00</b>	Mario Puopolo
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>August 23</b>
9:00	John Hanna, Jr., Month’s Mind
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>August 24</b>
9:00	Gerard and Helen Davenport
<b>Friday</b>	<b>August 25</b>
9:00	Larry Marsell, Jr.,
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>August 26</b>
5:00	Ann Murphy
7:30	Craig and Nancy Monson
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>August 27</b>
7:30	Deceased Members of the Ready Family
9:30	Pauline DeStefano
11:30	People of St. Mary’s

**NEXT WEEKEND ~ ANNUAL MISSION**

**APPEAL:** On the Weekend of August 26 and 27 there will be a visiting missionary presenting the Annual Mission Appeal in the person of Father Pius Okumu from the Archdiocese of Tororo, Uganda.



He will be preaching on behalf of 45 parishes (this number will increase to 47 by the end of this year as two more parishes will be opened), 984 missions or sub-parishes. More information can be found at [mcptororo@tororoarchdiocese.org](mailto:mcptororo@tororoarchdiocese.org). Please welcome Fr. Pius’ message and be as generous as you can.





## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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

I will be away on vacation the next two weeks, departing for France and Malta tomorrow morning. I thank in advance the Xaverian Fathers who will be covering daily Masses and Funerals in my absence. I also thank Fr. Pius Okumu of the Archdiocese of Tororo, Uganda, who will be celebrating all St. Mary's Masses next weekend.

Carry the Gospel to every corner of the earth! That is what Jesus instructed us, His disciples, to do. He told us to go forth and "*Baptize all the nations in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*"

Some Catholics do this by travelling to distant lands, where they preach the Good News – often to people who have never heard it before.

Others do it by prayer and material support for the Missions. Which is why once a year, every Catholic Parish in the United States welcomes a missionary. They come to share with us about life in the missions, and also to take up a special collection to help in their good work.

**Next weekend, Fr. Pius will be here for that purpose. He has also asked for lodging the week of August 28, and the Xaverian Fathers have graciously offered to have him stay at the Shrine since I will still be away. So we are looking for a parishioner to please drive Fr. Pius to the Shrine next Sunday afternoon. He is also looking for a ride to his next preaching parish, St. Bonaventure's in Plymouth, on Saturday, September 2. Please call Mary Beth at 508-429-4427 if you can offer him transportation.**

In anticipation of next weekend's annual Mission Appeal, the Archdiocese of Tororo has provided the following information. Please be as generous as you can in responding to the needs of our Catholic brothers and sisters there.

Be assured that during my travels the next two weeks I will continue to keep the good people of St. Mary's in prayer.

God bless you.

Rev. Mark J. Coiro

**The Archdiocese of Tororo**, covering an approximate area of 8,500 square miles, serves an estimated population of 3.6 million people, about 1.2 million of whom are Catholic. These are some of our needs.

**1) Parishes:** Caring for 45 parishes (this number will increase to 47 by the end of this year as two more parishes will be opened), 984 missions or sub-parishes.

**2) Formation of pastoral ministers:**

- Currently we have about 335 minor seminarians, about a quarter of whom will proceed on to the major seminary. We have about 48 seminarians studying in the philosophical and theological seminaries.
- We currently have 123 native diocesan priests and 14 religious priests. Once ordained, our priests need to continue their formation, especially by attending educational workshops and spiritual retreats. The 1340 catechists serve the mission churches.

**3) Transportation of pastoral ministers:** The priests and catechists need to travel to and from the mission churches, usually scooters and bicycles.

**4) Education:** In collaboration with the Government of Uganda, the Archdiocese runs several Primary, Secondary and Technical schools. Most of these schools, run by our 16 native religious brothers and 243 native religious sisters, are in rural settings where there is no electricity, no computers and not enough textbooks and laboratory equipment. The teaching and learning process becomes very difficult in such an environment.

**5) Health:** The Archdiocese has one hospital, three sub-hospitals and twelve small medical facilities through which we try to fulfill Christ's ministry of physical healing. These facilities, usually run by the religious sisters are not funded by the Government and must depend on user fees to purchase drugs and equipment and cover the cost of personnel.

**6) Economic development:** The Archdiocese of Tororo, through its development arm CARITAS, empowers the laity with skills that can improve their economic base. 69% of the people are peasant farmers with small plots of land on which to cultivate their crops. Because of this, most of them live from hand to mouth, which has an adverse impact on their income. Through CARITAS-Tororo, the Archdiocese runs programs, especially in the area of improved agricultural methods, so that families can sustain themselves better.

**7) Women:** Archdiocesan Women's Desk focuses on the realities of women. When empowered, women can do a great deal to improve their families' economic situation as well as the sanitary condition of their homes.

**8) Water:** Our Five-Year Strategic Plan includes a program to increase access to clean, safe water. Presently only 72% of our people have access to improved water sources; the rest have to rely on unprotected springs and wells.





**COOK NEEDED:** The Xaverian Fathers at the Fatima Shrine are looking to hire a cook for breakfast and lunch, Monday through Friday. Their current cook is retiring at the end of August. For more information, contact Fr. Rocco at 508-429-2144.

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

**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.

**SILVER ROSE SERVICE, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 AT 7 PM IN**

**THE CHURCH:** This September, our Council is honored to host the Silver Rose Service. The Silver Rose program demonstrates the unity between Knights of Columbus in Canada, the United States and Mexico, through a series of prayer services promoting the dignity of all human life and honoring Our Lady. Each year, from early March through mid-December, Silver Roses are stewarded by Knights of Columbus councils along routes from Canada to Mexico. Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary-centered occasion for Knights, parishioners and community members to pray for respect for life, for the spiritual renewal of each nation, and for the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe. All are invited to take part in this beautiful prayer.



**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](mailto:stmaryswingssecretary@gmail.com).

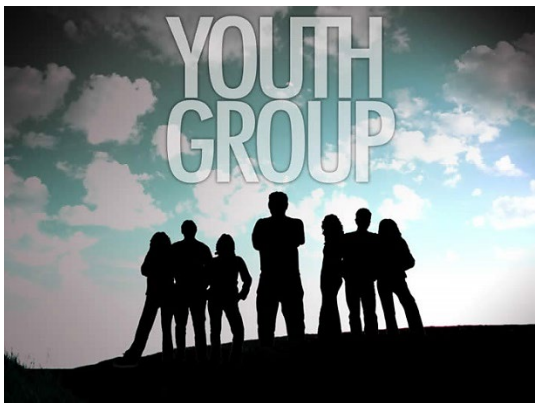


**SENIOR CENTER ANNUAL FALL FAIR SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9:** The Center is gearing up for the Annual Fall Fair on Saturday, September 9, sponsored by the Senior Support Foundation. This is the ONE big fundraiser of the year, and 100% of the proceeds go toward our programs and classes. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** Bring in your goods on any Tuesday or Thursday in August from 10 AM to 1:00 PM and drop them off to the volunteers near the garage. Clean out your closets and bring **ONLY GENTLY USED** items, no clothing please! Bring us your books (no text books), jewelry, videos and music, baked goods, handmade crafts (knitting, quilting, etc.),

boxed stationery, office supplies, etc. Please drop off at the Garage. We **CANNOT** take upholstered or large pieces of furniture, baby items with fabric, baby furniture or car seats. No large exercise equipment, no TVs, large electronics, or any computers. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** We need your help to make the Fair happen. The Fall Fair committee is seeking volunteers to help with the Fair. We are looking for folks on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays to help with accepting, sorting and pricing donations. We will need people to help with set up on Friday, September 8 and all-day Saturday, September 9. Call the Senior Center if you would like to volunteer 508-429-0622.

**THE ROSE FOR LIFE:** Is sponsored this week by the Kampersal 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.

**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.



**MSYG:** The Fall MSYG Kick Off Event is Sunday, October 1, from 6:30 - 8 PM in Fr. Haley Hall. MSYG is open to ALL 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> 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!

**TGIF (Teens Gathered In Faith), ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP:** Our TGIF Kick Off is Sunday, October 15 from 7-8:30 PM in Fr. Haley Hall. There will be a video and teen witness about this past summer's Mission Trip to Florida. Next summer's Mission is to Mississippi. The weekend of October 21 & 22 (World Mission Sunday), a Mission teen will witness at every Mass. We cannot wait to share the grace that flowed from this summer service experience.

**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](mailto:st.marysre1870@gmail.com). Thank you.

**GRADE 8, 9 & 10 UPDATE:** The new / updated 2023-2024 Religious Education Class Schedule was emailed and mailed to you last week.

If your young person is **already registered**, kindly contact Religious Education Secretary Jennifer Burgett at [st.marysre1870@gmail.com](mailto:st.marysre1870@gmail.com) or 508-429-6076 and notify her as to which of the new schedule options works best for your family. No paperwork is required, just leave a message.

If your young person is **not registered yet**, then as soon as possible please return the new / updated registration form you were emailed on Friday.

Please also consider if with this new schedule you might be able to volunteer as a teacher or monitor this year. Our program relies on faithful parents to help all the young people of St. Mary's grow in their knowledge and love of the Lord. Thank you.

**GRADE 11 CONFIRMATION CLASS REMINDERS:** The 2023 Confirmation Certificate Mass and Confirmation Ceremony Sign-Up Link for the Weekend of October 7 & 8, 2023 was emailed to all Confirmation Families last week. Please indicate your Certificate Mass choice by typing one of these 5 choices under "My Comments": Sat. 5 PM, Sat. 7:30 PM, Sun. 7:30 AM, Sun. 9:30 AM, or Sun. 11:30 AM. Your son or daughter will be called up by name at the selected Weekend Mass to receive their Certificate and be acknowledged by the Church Community into which they have just been initiated. Unless both a Confirmation Ceremony choice and Weekend Certificate Mass choice are provided, the student remains unregistered for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

**The pre-Confirmation Night of Reflection** with the Sacrament of Reconciliation available for all the Confirmands will be held on Sunday, September 24 at 6:30 PM, with sign in at the Parish Center Lobby.

**The Confirmation Rehearsal** for each Confirmand and their Sponsor is as follows:

Tuesday, October 3 at 6:30 PM in Fr. Haley Hall for those participating in the 10:30 AM Confirmation Ceremony.

Thursday, October 5 at 6:30 PM in Fr. Haley Hall for those participating in the 12:30 PM Confirmation Ceremony.

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**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATIONS ARE PAST DUE:** Just \$50.00 and a payment plan completes the registration for your children. Contact us at 508-429-6076 for a payment plan form.

**PRE-K, KINDERGARTEN AND GRADE 1:** If you are new to St. Mary’s Parish or already part of the parish family and want your child to participate in our faith formation program, then please contact our Religious Education Office at 508-429-6076 and request a Registration Form. **Children must complete Grade 1 before entering our Grade 2 Program.** Registrations forms are on the parish website at: <https://stmarysholliston.com/religious-education/religious-education-registration/>

**GRADES 5 AND 7 COORDINATORS NEEDED:** There are two openings to fill for a Grade 5 and a Grade 7 Coordinator. Training is provided. Grade 5 covers the seven Sacraments and Grade 7 on Discipleship and understanding the Gospel teachings of Jesus Christ. If you can support and lead our volunteer teachers to be beacons for Christ in the classroom then call us at 508-429-6076 or by email: [st.marysre1870@gmail.com](mailto:st.marysre1870@gmail.com).

**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 FY2023 form has already been submitted, we do not need another.*

**ATTENTION ~ PROTECTING GOD’S CHILDREN TRAINING WORKSHOPS:** All new volunteers in any capacity and ministry must take the Protecting God’s Children (PGC) Training, please contact [st.marysre1870@gmail.com](mailto:st.marysre1870@gmail.com) to inform us what workshop you want to take. The Workshop sessions are: **Saturday, August 26 from 9:00 AM to Noon; Saturday, September 9 from 9:00 AM to Noon and Thursday, September 14 from 6:30 to 9:30 PM.** Participants should **preregister** for a session. Here’s how: “Go to [www.Virtusonline.org](http://www.Virtusonline.org). Click on “First-time Registrant”. Select “Boston, MA (Archdiocese)” as your organization. You will have to create a VIRTUS log-in before proceeding to register. Follow the prompts after this.”

**NOTICE:** Our August letter for grades Pre-K–7 has been mailed. Please take the time to read its contents.



Be a Witness for Christ and open the hearts and minds of our children and youth so that they will actively live out their faith each day with confidence in His Truth.

**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 NEEDS
<b>SUNDAY</b>			
PRE-K & Kind.	9:15-10:30 AM	4 Teens	1 Filled
	9:15-10:30 AM	6 Teachers	
GR-1A	8:10 to 9:20 AM	6 Teachers	Filled
GR-2A	8:10 to 9:20 AM	3 Teachers	Filled
GR-2A	10:45 AM - Noon	2 Teachers	1
GR-3A	7:55 AM to 9:20 AM	2 Teachers	Filled
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	3 Teachers	1
GR-6A	4:00 to 5:30 PM	4 Teachers	1
GR-7A	5:00 to 6:30 PM	3 Teachers	1
<b>MONDAY</b>			
GR-8B	6:00 to 7:30 PM	4 Teachers	1
<b>TUESDAY</b>			
GR-3C	4:00 to 5:30 PM	3 Teachers	Filled
GR-4C	4:00 to 5:30 PM	2 Teachers	Filled
GR-5C	4:00 to 5:30 PM	2 Teachers	Filled
GR-6C	4:00 to 5:30 PM	3 Teachers	Filled
GR-9C	7:00 to 8:30 PM	5 Teachers	1
GR-10C	7:00 to 8:30 PM	4 Teachers	1
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>			
GR-2D	4:15 to 5:30 PM	4 Teachers	Filled
GR-3D	4:00 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
<b>THURSDAY</b>			
GR-4E	4:00 to 5:30 PM	2 Teachers	1
GR-5E	4:00 to 5:30 PM	2 Teachers	1
GR-9E	7:00 to 8:30 PM	5 Teachers	1
GR-10E	7:00 to 8:30 PM	4 Teachers	1

**MORNING OF REFLECTION FOR ALL CATECHISTS: Saturday, 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.