

*For just as in one body we have
many members, and all the members
do not have the same function, so we who
are many are one Body in Christ, and
individually members one of another.
--Romans 12:4-5*



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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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!

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:

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| Automatic Giving: | \$ 3,095.00 |
| WeShare: | \$ 5,957.00 |
| Mass Offertory and | |
| Envelopes Dropped Off | \$ 4,834.00 |
| Total Offertory: | \$ 13,886.00 |
| Weekly Need: | \$ 15,000.00 |

Shortfall - \$ 1,114.00

ANNUAL MISSION APPEAL COLLECTION:

The Archdiocese of Toronto, \$5,931.00 Thank you.

PLEASE CONSIDER SWITCHING TO

ELECTRONIC GIVING: 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:

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| Saturday | September 2 |
| 5:00 | Carl Schnapp |
| 7:30 | People of St. Mary's |
| Sunday | September 3 |
| 7:30 | Angelo Colosi |
| 9:30 | Melissa Bachman, 5 th Anv. and Andres Bachman |
| 11:30 | Dorothy Bamberry, 10 th Anv. |
| Monday | September 4 |
| 9:00 | For All Who Labor |
| Tuesday | September 5 |
| 9:00 | Holy Souls in Purgatory |
| Wednesday | September 6 |
| 9:00 | Eileen Ruggiero |
| Thursday | September 7 |
| 9:00 | Special Intention |
| Friday | September 8 |
| 9:00 | Franco DiCenso |
| Saturday | September 9 |
| 5:00 | Joan Powers, 7 th Anv. |
| 7:30 | People of St. Mary's |
| Sunday | September 10 |
| 7:30 | Kevin Muzzy |
| 9:30 | Tim O'Connell |
| 11:30 | William Meehan |



NEXT SUNDAY ST. MARY'S MINISTRY FAIR:

Find out about opportunities to serve and participate in the life of our parish. There will be speakers at all the Masses and a chance to meet people involved in the various ministries after the Sunday 9:30 AM Mass on September 10. You can sign up to be part of a ministry, too. Refreshments (DJ&C) will be available! Let's celebrate our call as individuals and as a parish community to discipleship and service.

NEXT SUNDAY TIMMY CAKE FUNDRAISER:

Representatives of The Timothy O'Connell Foundation will be selling Tim's favorite chocolate cake after each Mass on the weekend of September 9 / 10. Donation is \$70. All proceeds from the sales of these cakes will go to the Foundation's charitable mission, including its Scholarship Fund. The Timothy O'Connell Foundation is a 501(c) (3) not-for-profit organization, established in honor and loving memory of Timothy O'Connell, a St. Mary's parishioner. Since its inception in 2008, the Foundation has distributed over \$900,000 in gifts to worthy cancer-related causes, and has awarded more than \$136,000 in scholarships to Holliston students pursuing health-related fields of study. Learn all about the Foundation's other gifting programs and goals at www.timsteam.org or email joanneoconnell@comcast.net. Thank you!



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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

This past week many of our young people returned to school and others headed off to college for the very first time. We pray that God will watch over them all, opening their minds and hearts to His truth. While for many of us our formal education is complete, we are all called to continued growth in our knowledge and love of God. It is said that when Cardinal Cushing used to visit a rectory, he would always ask to see the pastor's bookcase. If the books were old and dusty, the Cardinal would look for the one with the most recent publication date. If the pastor asked why, legend says that Cushing would reply, *"I just wanted to see the date you died."*

Truly, to stop instructing ourselves in Christ – to become satisfied with our understanding of His person and teachings – this is to die a kind of spiritual death. Jesus is alive, and until the moment we meet Him face to face our souls long to know Him in deeper ways. In the words of today's Mass Psalm, *"O God, you are my God - it is you I seek! For you my body yearns; for you my soul thirsts, as in a land parched, lifeless, and without water."*

As you seek to better know the Lord please consider helping the young people of St. Mary's to do the same – especially by teaching a Religious Education Class this year. As you will see on the back bulletin page the need is great, and so are the rewards. As we prepare a lesson to teach, we often come to a new and deeper understanding of faith ourselves. As Cardinal Cushing might have asked, what was the date of the last time you taught or studied the faith?

As our nation this weekend celebrates Labor Day let us keep in prayer those who are jobless, or working in unsafe conditions or without a just living wage. Let us be specially mindful of the plight of the poor and our responsibility to them. In his Encyclical "Rerum Novarum", Pope Leo XIII offered this beautiful reminder: *No one is commanded to distribute to others that which is required for his own needs and those of his household. But, when what necessity demands has been supplied, it becomes a duty to give to the indigent out of what remains over. "Of that which remaineth, give alms." It is a duty of Christian charity ... [given by] Christ the true God, who in many ways urges on His followers the practice of almsgiving – "It is more blessed to give than to receive"; and who will count a kindness done or refused to the poor as done or refused to Himself - "As long as you did it to one of My least*

brethren you did it to Me." To sum up, then: *Whoever has received from the divine bounty a large share of temporal blessings, whether they be external and material, or gifts of the mind, has received them for the purpose of using them for the perfecting of his own nature, and, at the same time, that he may employ them, as the steward of God's providence, for the benefit of others.* (RN art. 22)

This Labor Day, I thank all of you who contribute to the building up of our parish. A parish is its people, and your participation at all levels is what elevates our community of faith into an edifice pleasing to the Lord. Having just returned from vacation in France and Malta, I would also like to thank the Xaverian Fathers and Fr. Pius for their coverage help.

Please know that I kept all of you our people in prayer each day, and that I prayed for you most especially at the Grotto of St. Paul, where the disciple lived for three months while shipwrecked enroute to his trial in Rome. (A few photos below) .

God bless you!

Rev. Mark J. Coiro





ADULT VOLUNTEER MEETING ~ MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP:

Thursday, September 14. Thursday, September 14 at 7 PM in Father Haley Hall. Any adult parishioner who attends Mass weekly at St. Mary's, and who is living a life in harmony with the moral teachings of the Catholic faith, may volunteer to be part of this joyful ministry. With Monthly Meetings averaging 90 - 199 teens, and many well attended trips of over 100 teens each, we need many adults to assure safety and to guide our young people into faith, friendship, service

and fun. CORI & VIRTUS requirements apply. Please bring your calendar, as we will be having adult signups for all fall semester MSYG activities. *** Please RSVP to St.Marys1870@gmail.com if you are planning to attend. ***

SAVE THE DATE ~ ST. MARY'S MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP KICK OFF! Sunday, October 1 – Giant MSYG Kick Off Event, 6:30 – 8 PM, open to all 6th, 7th & 8th Graders - not just Catholics and not just from St. Mary's. Sign-ups for the Haunted Mansion Trip and a Giant Slideshow of all this summer's events. Save the date! Join us for our 17th year of Faith, Friendship, Service & Fun!

ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP - TGIF (Teens Gathered In Faith): 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. 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. If you are interested, please contact Deacon Ron directly at 508-429-3961.

HELPERS NEEDED FOR OUR WONDERFUL CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD (CLOW): CLOW returns on September 17! CLOW will run from September until June this year and we look forward to getting started. As we say goodbye to the warm summer and prepare to head into the cooler fall season, we encourage you to pray about joining the CLOW team this year! The Children's Liturgy of the Word is a format that presents the biblical teachings of our Catholic faith to the children of our parish in a friendly, interactive and fun setting. Please reach out to the Religious Education Office at 508-429-6076 to help with this wonderful Ministry.

CLOW READERS: St. Mary's is in need of a few young people willing to become youth lectors at the 9:30 AM CLOW Masses. The St. Mary's youth lector program allows youths in 7th Grade or higher to proclaim the Word of God at Mass and at other liturgical celebrations. Candidates must attend church regularly and be willing to spend time during the week before to practice their reading skills. People are scheduled for one Sunday per month. If interested please email Ron Turcotte at ronturcotte2@gmail.com to arrange for a short training session.



HOLLISTON SENIOR CENTER FALL FAIR: The Center is gearing up for the Annual Fall Fair on Saturday, September 9, sponsored by the Senior Support Foundation. This is the main fundraiser of our friends group, the Senior Support Foundation (SSF). Collection hours are every Tuesday and Thursday from 10 AM to 1 PM. Donations may be dropped off by the garage. If interested in helping, please call 429-0622 and we will connect you with our wonderful Fall Fair Committee. There's something for everyone.

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC WOMEN'S GROUP: Will hold their first meeting of the new season on Wednesday, September 13, at 12 noon in the Center Library. Please bring your lunch and a drink. We will be praying, talking and catching up on our summer exploits, eating lunch & playing bingo. All are welcome.

CELEBRATE HOLLISTON - WE NEED YOUR HELP! St. Mary's will host a booth at Celebrate Holliston on September 23. We want to share our active and vibrant community with all of Holliston. The event runs from 10 AM - 3 PM and we will need people to join us in the booth for 2 hour shifts. If you love St. Mary's and want to help share our story, please reach out to Sarah Kane, Diane Collins or Sue Cote. You can send an email to ksuecote@gmail.com. It will be a great opportunity to see friends and make new ones!

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.

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.



SILVER ROSE SERVICE THIS 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.

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. Ask a Knight to purchase tickets or send a check to: Tom Anguish at 542 Winter Street 01746. Even if you don't win a prize, all our proceeds benefit the Holliston Senior Center, Veteran's charities, and other worthy charities. Your participation in past years has allowed the Council to donate over \$280,000 to various worthy charities. Pick up some tickets at Celebrate Holliston on **September 23!**

THE ROSE FOR LIFE: Is sponsored this week by the Carver Family. Please join them in prayer for an unborn child. To sponsor the Rose for Life for 2024 please contact the Rectory at 429-4427 or st.marys1870@gmail.com.

GRADE 11 CONFIRMATION CLASS REMINDERS: The 2023 Confirmation Certificate Mass and Confirmation Ceremony Sign-Up Link for the Weekend of October 7 and 8, was emailed to all Confirmation Families the week before last. 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. 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.

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 want your child to participate in these grades, call the R.E. Office (508-429-6076). **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/>



Contact: 508-429-6076 or st.marysre1870@gmail.com if you can volunteer to teach a class or be a monitor in the lobby during a class session. See our needs below:

CLASSES BEGIN THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 17.

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

YOUTH MINISTRY: There is a need for **four** Grade 8 teachers for each session on alternate Monday and Wednesday nights from 6-7:30 PM. Grades 9 and 10 need **four teachers** for each alternate Tuesday and Thursday sessions from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. Contact st.marysre1870@gmail.com if you can teach a class.

TOP REASONS TO TEACH AS A CATECHIST:

1. You will be helping to fulfill the kingdom of God on earth by sharing the Gospel with our young people.
2. You will help the children and youth grow in their faith and deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ.
3. You will help to create new disciples who will better understand and live Jesus' moral teachings.
4. You will experience satisfaction and inner peace knowing that you are bringing the truth and the life of Christ into the hearts, minds and souls of young people.
5. You will receive training and support from our Grade Level Coordinators and be provided with a teacher manual and curriculum guide.
6. God will bless you for doing His mighty work!

ATTENTION: PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN TRAINING WORKSHOPS AND CORI FORMS:

All new volunteers in any capacity and ministry must take the Protecting God's Children (PGC) Training. Please contact st.marysre1870@gmail.com to inform us what workshop you want to take. The next workshop will be on **Thursday, September 14 from 6:30 to 9:30 PM**. Participants should **preregister** for a session. Here's how: "Go to 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."

CORI RENEWAL ALERT: All active and new volunteers (18+ years) must have a completed **2024 CORI** form on file in our office to serve in a ministry. 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.*

MORNING OF REFLECTION FOR ALL

CATECHISTS: Saturday, September 16 at 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM at the Pastoral Center in Braintree. Click [HERE](#) for more information and/or to register.