



# 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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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. Sean Jacobs, D.R.E., Grades 8-10, Youth Minister
Ms. Abigail Kelley-Lanser, Organist, Director of Music
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:     | \$ 3,617.00   |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| WeShare:              | \$ 4,378.00   |
| Mass Offertory and    |               |
| Envelopes Dropped Off | \$ 5,742.00   |
| Total Offertory:      | \$ 13,737.00  |
| Weekly Need:          | \$ 15,000.00  |
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| Shortfall             | - \$ 1.263.00 |

# NEXT WEEKEND - 2023 Grand Annual Kick Off:

The Grand Annual is the single most important collection for our parish each year. Combined with the weekly offertory, it allows St. Mary's to cover her operating costs.

Please carefully review the Grand Annual information provided by the Finance Council, and return your gold Grand Annual envelope next weekend or as soon thereafter as you can.

Thank You!



#### **MASS INTENTIONS:**

| Saturday  | November 4  |
|---|---|
| 5:00  | Elizabeth Walker MacLeod  |
| 7:30  | Earl and Lorraine King  |
| Sunday  | November 5  |
| 7:30  | People of St. Mary's  |
| 9:30  | Winifred Chase  |
| 11:30   | Departed Members of the   |
|   | Knights of Columbus   |
| Monday  | November 6  |
| 9:00  | Stephen Mulcahy, 15th Anv.  |
| Tuesday   | November 7  |
| 9:00  | Leona Phelan, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Anv.  |
| Wednesday                                       | November 8  |
| 9:00  | Gertrude Beaudoin   |
| Thursday  | November 9  |
| 0.00  | Tom and Elizabeth Kelly   |
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| Friday  | November 10   |
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### **TODAY**

**DONUTS, JUICE & COFFEE:** The Welcoming Committee invites all parishioners and their families to stop into Fr. Haley Hall after the 9:30 AM Mass <u>TODAY, Sunday, November 5</u>, for donuts, juice and coffee! Two members of the Parish Pastoral Council will be attending and welcome any comments or ideas you have for St. Mary's. Please join us.

PARISH PASTA NIGHT TICKETS: Tickets are on sale after all Masses this weekend (and next), for our Annual Parish Pasta Night, Saturday, November 18, from 6-8 PM. Come join your fellow parishioners for fine Italian fare, live musical entertainment and great company. The menu will include rigatoni with red sauce, rigatoni with broccoli and chicken, rigatoni with butter, meatballs, salad, rolls and soda, water, juice and Italian pastries. Families with children of all ages are welcome. The cost is \$10 per person, or \$30 for immediate family (parents and children). Tickets are also available in the Religious Education Office starting November 6. There are no tickets at the door on November 18. Mangia!



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

In Catholic tradition, the month of November is dedicated in a special way to our beloved dead. As the leaves fall and the days grow shorter, we find our thoughts naturally turning toward the end things. In a special way we remember those who have already entered the winter of death and wait now for the springtime of the Resurrection. We honor their memories and more importantly, we give them the gift of our prayers.

Praying for the dead is a practice endorsed by the scriptures. We read in 2<sup>nd</sup> Maccabees how a great Jewish general sent gifts to the temple in Jerusalem, asking that prayers be said for his fallen soldiers. The scripture then observes that "In doing this he acted in a very excellent and noble way, inasmuch as he had the resurrection of the dead in view; for if he were not expecting the fallen to rise again, it would have been useless and foolish to pray for them in death. But as he did this with a view to the splendid reward that awaits those who had gone to rest in godliness, it was a holy and pious thought. Thus he made atonement for the dead that they might be freed from sin." (2 Macc. 12:43-46)

Most of our protestant brothers and sisters eschew praying for the dead, rightly observing that we each choose for ourselves whether to accept or refuse Christ in this life. Once death occurs, our choice is final and judged before God. "For we must all stand before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one might receive recompense according to what he did in the body, whether for good or for evil." (2 Cor. 5) Those who are judged worthy have no need of our prayers, they argue. And those who have rejected God's offer of salvation are beyond the help of our prayers. Why then pray for the dead at all?

The answer lies in one of the most beautiful and consoling truths of the Catholic faith – our belief in purgatory. Purgatory is a gift from God extended to those found worthy of His kingdom at the time of death. Many of us may ultimately choose Christ, but still have experienced sin, and the ravages of sin upon our soul, during our life's journey. Purgatory is the cleansing flame by which we are purified and made new in the Lord. We are restored to our best and truest selves – innocent and whole – before we enter fully into the divine presence.

Consider a man who has completed a long and dangerous journey to a city. He arrives there safely, but along the way has picked up dirt and grime from the road. His clothes have gotten worn and torn, and he himself is a little battered and bruised. Upon entering the city, this man is invited to come up to the palace and dine with the king at a great feast. Forever. Would that man not want first to rest and heal? To put aside his soiled garments, wash, and don his finest apparel before entering into the presence of the king?

That is the gift of purgatory – the opportunity to be purified and restored. Having passed through purgatory, the saved are then able to take their place at the table of God's children in heaven at their very best – able to reflect fully, and enjoy to the most perfect extent, the light and glory of God. The experience of purgatory is painful, as we face in turn each of our wounds, each of our sins. No longer is any self-deception possible – only truth and new awareness of ourselves and of the Lord. The pain of purgatory is the pain of an open wound being sewn up, a broken limb being reset. It is difficult, but we go through it knowing that new health, and indeed a new life, await us.

Nor do we face purgatory alone. Faith teaches us that the prayers of our loved ones on earth and the prayers of the saints and angels in heaven support us through our purification. Most powerful of all is the prayer offered when the Mass is said for us – the sacrament of Christ's own death and resurrection. The Mass like nothing else can support and encourage and help us on the final journey between this life and eternal joy in the Lord. And thus it is that we pray for the dead. We do not know which souls are in purgation, and so we pray for All Souls, begging the mercy and grace of God upon them.

God bless you. And may the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Rev. Mark J. Coiro



#### **BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE:**

Please feel free to inscribe in the Book of Remembrance the names of any departed loved ones you would like kept in

prayer here at St. Mary's throughout the month of November. The Book is located in front of the Baptismal Font and Easter Candle. If you would like a Mass said for the repose of a departed loved one, please contact the rectory office.



Many have been asking for news of our Sister Parish in Palestine during these tragic times in the Holy Land. Below are messages received from Fr. Issa, the Pastor, and Mr. Jaraysah, the School Principal.

#### October 21, 2023, From Fr. Issa:

Dear Father Mark and Brothers and Sisters in Saint Mary's Parish. Here in the Bethlehem area it is calm. Just that the Israeli army enters every night to arrest people. They arrested 1,000 persons in Palestinian territory.

The situation in Gaza is really very bad. Many people were killed by Israeli army, among them 1,661 children. Many building were destroyed, houses, hospitals and church buildings. The last attack destroyed an ancient building which belongs to the Greek Orthodox Church. In this building, 350 Christians refugees were buried in rubble. As of now 28 persons were saved, and 20 persons found killed (6 of them children). Most of them remain lost under the rubble.

We really don't know when it will finish. We hear many Rumours about how the war will continue or end but what seems to us is that the war will continue for several weeks.

Our people in Holy Land need your prayer, because the real peace come from God, not from this world. Peace will be possible when every people gets their rights. Otherwise, things will remain the same from one war to another. So we pray for Love, Peace, fraternity and Justice.

People, from both the Israeli and Palestinian sides, are afraid. Many of them want the war to end. Many of them want the Peace, and it is possible. They can live together. The war is not the solution! The solution begins first when the war stops; when every prisoner and hostage from both sides will be returned safely to his family; when every people gets their legitimate rights.

I end here with words from the book of Psalms 2,10: "Therefore, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth".

Fr. Issa Hijazeen.

#### October 28, 2023, From Mr. Jaraysah:

Dear Father Mark, Thanks again for your feelings and prayers for us. Regarding the school: yes, it is open despite some days being obliged to close due to tensions in the area.

The Situation in the Bethlehem is difficult, most of the families whose work is inside Jerusalem lost their jobs and income, the hotels are closed, most of the Christian families who work in olivewood workshops have stopped working due to the lack of tourism in Bethlehem and Jerusalem.

Principal Anton J. Jaraysah

October 27, 2023, From Mr. Tim Milner Holy Land Commission North America Communications

This morning, Friday, October



27, I had the privilege of recording a Zoom conversation with Sami El-Yousef, the CEO of the Latin Patriachate. During our conversation, Sami touched on many topics including: the situation in Gaza and at the Holy Family Parish, military actions in the West Bank and new movement restrictions, humanitarian needs and economic losses increasing rapidly

through the Patriarchate, and the thoughts on the post conflict future. Here is the link to the recording - it is ~35 minutes in length.

## https://vimeo.com/878717907

The Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem is the Catholic Bishop of Isreal, Palestine, Jordan and Cyprus. Sami El-Yousef is the CEO of the Latin Patriarchate, or Catholic Diocese, that covers all these areas. In 2020, Sami was instrumental in helping St. Mary's in Holliston connect with a Parish in Palestine to become our Sister Parish.



# Saint Mary's Parish

8 Church St. ~ Holliston, MA ~ 01746 ~ (508) 429-4427

November 5, 2023

#### Dear Fellow Parishioners,

For the past 63 years, St. Mary's, Holliston has relied on the Grand Annual – a once a year special collection that goes entirely toward parish operating costs. In combination with the weekly offertory, the Grand Annual allows St. Mary's to pay her staff and maintain her four buildings, three of which are over 100 years old.

As you know, the Grand Annual always takes place in November. The 2023 St. Mary's Grand Annual Collection is Veteran's Day Weekend - November 11 & 12. The goal is \$150,000 – the same as the 2020, 2021, and 2022 Grand Annuals, which despite the pandemic were all achieved.

The single largest facilities items covered by this year's Grand Annual are the renovation of the Sister Ricci House downstairs bathroom, and upcoming repairs to the church boiler pumps. The bathroom was severely deteriorated, and with Sister Ricci House receiving more and more use by various groups the repair was overdue. Both church boiler pumps have recently developed serious leaks and must be repaired or replaced. Here is a complete Grand Annual breakdown:

| \$12,840 | Sister Ricci House Bathroom Repairs                            |
|----------|--|
| \$5,100  | Painting inside of Sister Ricci House (1st & 2nd Floor)        |
| \$7,000  | New Flooring for Choir Loft and Elevator                       |
| \$4,609  | Emergency Roof and Siding Repairs from storm damage            |
| \$2,347  | Carpeting of Music and Youth Ministry Offices                  |
| \$8,408  | Crack sealing and Sealcoating of the main Parking Lot          |
| \$3,000  | Parking lot repairs  |
| \$6,200  | Exterior Church Repairs  |
| \$3,815  | Electrical Repairs - Outside Light Poles and Father Haley Hall |
| \$6,200  | Lower Church Emergency Exit Stairwell Repairs                  |
| \$9,000  | Church Windows Exterior Woodwork Repairs                       |
| \$3,000  | Sacristy Repairs   |
| \$10,000 | Boiler Pumps in Church   |
|          |  |

The remaining Grand Annual amount is applied to staff salaries (\$68,481).

Since successfully paying off the last of her \$1.2 million loan debts in the fall of 2010, St. Mary's has been able to pay her bills and remains debt free. Your generous support of St. Mary's 2023 Grand Annual will assure that the hard-won financial health of our parish continues. We realize that these current economic times are difficult for many. But if we <u>all</u> do what we can according to our means, then the 2023 Grand Annual will be a success. Thank you in advance for your generosity. And thank you for the many ways you personally help to build up our beautiful parish family.

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Sincerely,

The St. Mary's Finance Council

Kevin O'Connell

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Diane McDermott Roy

Kim Latifi

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### PHOTOS OF A FEW OF THE 2023 GRAND ANNUAL ITEMS

- A Sister Ricci House First Floor Bathroom
- B Lower Church Emergency Exit Stairwell Ceiling, Wall, and Floor Damage
- C Sacristy Counter
- ${f D}-{f Shingle}$  and Siding Damage from storm
- E Choir loft Floor
- **F Exterior Church Windows**

## **HOW TO MAKE YOUR 2023 GRAND ANNUAL GIFT**

Please carefully review the Grand Annual information provided to you by the St. Mary's Finance Council in this mailing.

Pray about it and **decide as a family** what gift you can make according to the means with which God has blessed you.

If you have children, make them aware of your Grand Annual support so that they can learn good stewardship by your example.

If possible, <u>please return your gold Grand Annual envelope next weekend</u>, <u>November 11 & 12</u>, or as soon as possible thereafter. It may be mailed to 8 Church Street or dropped off through the Rectory Office Door Mail Slot at that same address. You may also place it in the offertory basket at Mass.

It is important that the special gold envelope you will soon receive by mail, or an envelope clearly marked "Grand Annual," be used.

For those using Automatic Giving or WeShare, you may designate your Grand Annual support as a separate, additional offering.

Thank you for doing your part to support this essential annual stewardship effort!

"Every person shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD your God which He has given you."

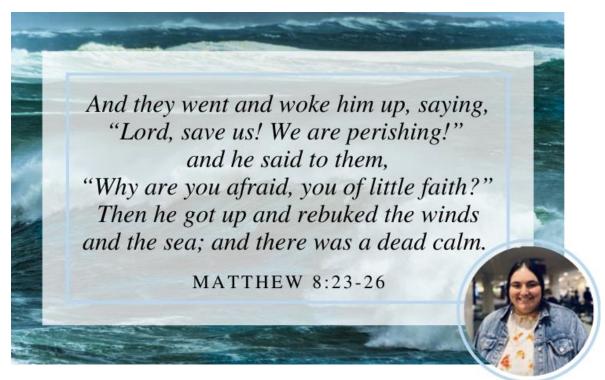
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## **BLESSINGS FOR WOMEN**

**ST. MARY'S MOM'S PRAYER GROUP:** There is a St. Mary's MOM'S GROUP on Tuesdays from 10:30 AM - 12 noon in Fr. Haley Hall. Every week, we will pray together, read reflections according to the liturgical season, and share prayer intentions. Children of all ages are welcome, there will be a few toys and coloring activities available. Coffee and snacks will be provided. Contact Meghan Krenselewski at 978-421-5795 with any questions.



# ST. MARY'S WINGS:

Come to WINGS on Wednesday. November 8, from 10 - 11:15 AM for the fifth session of our six-week Fall Season "Prayer, A Conversation with God." Our speaker is Olivia Hastie, Masters Candidate Harvard Divinity School. "And when he got into the boat, his disciples followed him. A windstorm arose on the sea, so great that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he

was asleep. And they went and woke him up, saying, "Lord, save us! We are perishing!" And he said to them, "Why are you afraid, you of little faith?" Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a dead calm. (Matthew 8:23-26) When life is difficult, it's easy to turn away from God. Jesus' calmness amid the storm reassures us that in our desperate moments God is close. Olivia will provide helpful context on the power of prayer during difficult life moments using examples from Church teaching and scripture. All women are welcome. Childcare is provided. For additional information about the WINGS ministry, please call Jen Schiller at 617-852-9632 or Diane Collins at 508-259-7795 or visit our webpage <a href="https://stmarysholliston.com/women-in-gods-spirit-w-i-n-g-s/">https://stmarysholliston.com/women-in-gods-spirit-w-i-n-g-s/</a>. To register for WINGS, email <a href="mailto:stmaryswingssecretary@gmail.com">stmaryswingssecretary@gmail.com</a>.

**ST. MARY'S WOMEN'S GROUP:** Will meet this Wednesday, November 8, at 12 noon in the library. It is our Trash to Treasures meeting, so please bring any gently used items that you no longer want and they will be auctioned off. All proceeds go into our account. Also, bring your lunch, a drink and if there is time, we will play a game with prizes. Everyone is welcome.

**WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS:** "Perhaps more than men, women acknowledge the person, because they see persons with their hearts. They see them independently of various ideological or political systems. They see others in their greatness and limitations; they try to go out to them and help them. In this way the basic plan of the Creator takes flesh in the history of humanity and there is constantly revealed, in the variety of vocations, that beauty – not merely physical, but above all spiritual – which God bestowed from the very beginning on all, and in a particular way on women."

## MSYG TONIGHT, SUNDAY,

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP MEETING, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, FROM 6:30 - 8 PM IN FR. HALEY HALL: A warning, we will be PRAYING WITH FIRE! Sign Ups for November Paintball and a Nursing Home BINGO Service Trip will also take place November 5, as well as Cookie Walk Sign Ups. BRING A FRIEND!

## TGIF MEETING, THE SUNDAY AFTER NEXT,

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19 FROM 7 - 8:30 PM IN FR. HALEY

**HALL:** Open to all High School Students, Grades 9-12 for faith, friendship, service and fun! Mississippi Mission Trip Planning and a Service Event Sign Up. We will be counting, sorting, and prepping all the Winter Clothing Drive Poparions for pick up the part day (see below

the Winter Clothing Drive Donations for pick up the next day (see below). Bring a friend!





WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE: Cardinal O' Malley has requested a special Collection of Winter Clothing and Toiletry items for Immigrants and Refugees. With the number of migrants arriving in Massachusetts outpacing available emergency supplies and housing, the Cardinal is urging local Catholics to contribute resources ahead of the winter season. Here at St. Mary's, donated items may be placed in the baskets provided in the church sanctuary (photo left), through Sunday, November 19. Thank you for loving these, our neighbors in need.

#### **HOLLISTON PANTRY SHELF HELP:**

Regular coffee, peanut butter, jelly, sugar, ketchup, mayonnaise, Chunky Soup, cookies, canned turkey/chicken. Donations may be dropped off in the bin by the main parking lot entrance.

**CATHOLIC SOCIAL JUSTICE:** Did you attend the Archdiocese Justice Convocation

on October 21 and want to continue the conversation? Even if you were unable to attend, are you interested in viewing the recording to hear the speakers provide facts and figures about poverty in Massachusetts today? Would you like to discuss the 'moral triangle' to house the homeless, feed the poor and welcome the stranger and learn more about the Archdiocese's response to these challenges? Then, please email Di Collins at <a href="mailto:diathome17@aol.com">diathome17@aol.com</a>. Once we know interest, we can plan the appropriate conversation and hopefully identify ways we and the larger St. Mary's community can help our neighbors.

**WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS:** "If we wish to serve God and love our neighbor well, we must manifest our joy in the service we render to Him and them. Let us open wide our hearts. It is joy which invites us. Press forward and fear nothing." - St. Katharine Drexel

**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 2024 please call 429-4427.

CLOW - CHILDREN K-6: CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: Today, Sunday,

November 5. The children will remain in the church and learn what Jesus is teaching us in the Gospel of Matthew.

#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES THIS WEEK

| DAY           | GRADE            | GRADE           |
|---------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Sun., Nov. 5  | PRE-K at 9:15 AM | GR-2 at 8:10 AM |
|               | GR-2 at 10:45 AM | GR-3 at 7:55 AM |
|               | GR-3 at 10:45 AM |                 |
| Mon., Nov. 6  | GR-8 at 6:00 PM  |                 |
| Tues., Nov. 7 | GR-4 AT 4:00 PM  |                 |
|               | GR-10 at 7:00 PM |                 |
| Wed., Nov. 8  | GR-2 at 4:15 PM  | GR-7 at 6:00 PM |
|               | GR-8 at 6:00 PM  |                 |
| Thur., Nov. 9 | GR-4 at 4:00 PM  | GR-5 at 4:00 PM |
|               | GR-10 at 7:00 PM |                 |

# PLEASE HELP FILL OUR NEEDS LISTED BELOW FOR TEACHERS AND MONITORS:

Contact us at 508-429-6076 if you can volunteer to teach or monitor a session. We need your help!

GR-2 & 3: 1 Monitor - alt. Sun. 10:45 AM - 12:15 PM

GR-4 & 5: 1 Monitor - alt. Sun. 10:45 AM - 12:15 PM

**GR-4 & 5: 1** Monitor - alt. Thurs. 4:00 - 5:30 PM

GR-6: 1 Monitor - alt. Sun. 4:00 - 5:30 PM

**GR-8: 1 Monitor -** alt. Wed. 6:00 - 7:30 PM

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS NATIVITY: Families with children in Grades 1- 4 will receive sign up forms by email inviting their children to participate in the Christmas Nativity at the 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Vigil Mass. The three rehearsals are scheduled for Saturday 12/2, 12/9 and 12/16 from 9 - 10 AM. Completed sign up forms must be submitted by Friday, November 17 to: Debra Frey, 615 Winter Street, Holliston MA 01746 or by email to SpecialInnkeeper1224@gmail.com.

**GRADE 3 MINISTRY FAIR:** On Monday, November 13, all Sunday classes, and homeschooled children are to meet in Fr. Haley Hall from 4:00 to 5:30 PM for the Ministry Fair. Fr. Mark, Deacon John, altar servers, a Lector, a Eucharistic Minister, and our Music Director will share their ministry service experiences. The pickup for all students will be in Fr. Haley Hall at 5:30 PM.

VETERAN'S DAY ~ NOVEMBER 11: This upcoming Saturday our nation celebrates Veteran's Day. Originally this day was called Armistice Day, a day honoring and furthering world peace. Today, Veteran's Day is celebrated to honor our living and departed Veterans who served our country honorably. Please remember them in your prayers!

**CONFIRMATION I and II:** Grade 10 classes meet on Tuesday, November 7 and Thursday, November 9 from 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Please check into Fr. Haley Hall.

#### PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN TRAINING

WORKSHOP: All new volunteers in any capacity and ministry must take the Protecting God's Children (PGC) Training. Please check our bulletin each week for the newly scheduled PGC Workshops.

Participants must pre-register for a session. Here's how: "Go to <a href="https://www.Virtusonline.org">www.Virtusonline.org</a>. Click on "First-time Registrant" and 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 <a href="mailto:st.marysre1870@gmail.com">st.marysre1870@gmail.com</a> for processing. <a href="mailto:New">New</a> volunteers must have information verified in person by any staff member. <a href="mailto:Please note: If a FY2023 form has already been submitted">Please note: If a FY2023 form has already been submitted</a>, we do not need another.

# HOLLISTON NEWCOMERS AND NEIGHBORS THANKSGIVING DONATION DRIVE: The HNN

is helping to provide **gift cards** to those in need through the Holliston Pantry Shelf and other local organizations that support the Holliston youth such as Head Start and Wayside Youth & Families. So once again we are asking for **monetary donations to support these efforts**. Visit HNN at:

http://www.hollistonnewcomers.org/donations and select Thanksgiving or mail your donation by check along with the Certificate below. We are also collecting handmade Thanksgiving Cards which can be dropped off at 922 Highland Street, Holliston - a bin will be at the front door. *Please submit your donation or drop off your cards by Sunday, November 12.* 

| Name:                                  | 1 |
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| Address:                               |   |
| Please make your check out to Hollisto | n |

Please make your check out to Holliston Newcomers & Neighbors along with this certificate and mail it to Katrine Giroux, 147 Mohawk Path, Holliston, MA and **note on your check that it is for Thanksgiving.**