



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.”

8 Church St., Holliston, MA 01746
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. 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

**STEWARDSHIP***Managing God's Gifts To Us***SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND:**

For Retired Women Religious (nuns). Please give generously in recognition of the important role religious sisters have had in the Archdiocese of Boston.

PARISH OFFERTORY LAST WEEKEND:

Automatic Giving: \$ 5,497.50
 WeShare: \$ 4,397.00
 Offertory Envelopes
 dropped off / mailed in: \$ 7,358.00
 Total Offertory: \$ 17,252.50

May God bless you for your faithful stewardship!

THIS 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 the gold Grand Annual envelope you received in the mail this weekend or as soon thereafter as you can. Thank You!

* Gold Grand Annual Envelopes may be mailed in, dropped off through the Rectory Office Door Mail-slot, or placed in the collection baskets at Mass. Please keep Grand Annual gifts separate from regular weekly offertory support. If not using the Gold Envelope, please make sure that whatever envelope you use is clearly labelled 2023 Grand Annual. Thank you!

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday	November 11
5:00	Deceased Members of the Moraski Family
7:30	Deceased Members of the Leonard and Madeline LaRosa Family
Sunday	November 12
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Arturo Vazquez
11:30	Paul Meehan
Monday	November 13
9:00	Bob DeYeso
Tuesday	November 14
9:00	Anna Swech
Wednesday	November 15
9:00	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Thursday	November 16
9:00	Paul T. Shea
Friday	November 17
9:00	Roy Salvi
Saturday	November 18
5:00	Thomas Fleming
7:30	John Desmond McHugh
Sunday	November 19
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	The Paladino Family (Living)
11:30	Margaret Brady

THIS COMING SATURDAY ~ PARISH PASTA NIGHT! TICKETS AVAILABLE AFTER MASS

TODAY: Our Annual Parish Pasta Night is this 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!





FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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

This Veteran's Day Weekend is a time to remember the men and women who have laid down their lives in defense of our nation's freedom. As we honor their sacrifice, let us consider what sacrifices we ourselves are willing to make – not only for love of country, but also for love of the Lord.

What are the signs that our hearts are set first on the good things promised us in heaven, rather than on the passing pleasures of earthly life?

Are we quick to forgive, knowing that at the resurrection the mercy we have measured out to others will be exactly measured back to us by God?

Are we generous to those in need, remembering that when raised up for judgment we can take with us nothing that we have accumulated, but only what we have given? Are we above all a "Resurrection people," buoyed by a love so great that not even death was able to restrain it?

"Dear Lord, today we honor our veterans, worthy men and women who gave their best when they were called upon to serve and protect their country.

We pray that you will bless them for their unselfish service in the continual struggle to preserve our freedoms, our safety, and our country's heritage, for all of us.

Bless them abundantly for the hardships they faced, for the sacrifices they made for their many different contributions to America's victories over tyranny and oppression.

We respect them, we thank them, we honor them, we are proud of them. We pray that you will watch over these special people and bless them with peace and happiness." Amen.

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

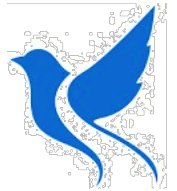
Rev. Mark J. Coiro

CHRISTIANS IN GAZA UPDATE

There are 1,000 Christians in Gaza - 600 Roman Catholic and 400 Greek Orthodox. As reported to us by Fr. Issa, the Orthodox Church in Gaza was bombed by Israel, killing the majority of the Orthodox Christians sheltering there. The survivors have now taken refuge in the only Catholic Church in Gaza – Holy Family Church, just 500 meters away.

As of October 21, 500 people have taken refuge inside the Holy Family Church compound. The compound includes the church, a school with 300 students, a kindergarten for 50 children, and a small rectory. There are two Religious Sisters' communities within the premises who assist with parish activities and are responsible for two homes for children and elderly with disabilities.

PRAY FOR PEACE



**O God of life and love and peace,
We witness the violence and injustice
in your Holy Land
And our hearts break.**

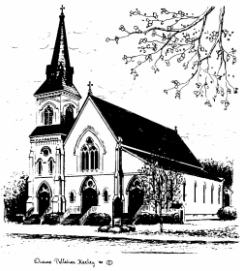
**Our hearts break for the people of Israel—
For the victims of violent attacks by Hamas
For those who live with fear and insecurity
For those who suffer from the inter-generational
trauma of violence.**

**Our hearts break for Palestinians—
For the victims of violent attacks by the Israeli
military
For those being denied water, electricity and medical
care
For those who are refugees, long displaced from their
homes.**

**We especially pray—
That weapons of war be laid down
That walls of separation be dismantled
That prisoners be released
That demonizing of "the other" cease
That political leaders seek the good of all people in
Palestine and Israel.**

**O God, whose heart breaks for the world,
May your justice dwell in the land
May your righteousness abide in fruitful fields
May the effect of righteousness be quietness and trust
forever
May the effect of justice be peace—enduring peace.**

Amen.



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November 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 this 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 (see photo)
\$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 (see photo)
\$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 all 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.

Sincerely,

The St. Mary's Finance Council

Kim Latifi

Kevin O'Connell

Kevin Diamond

Dianne McDermott Roy

Ron Piper

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, **please return your gold Grand Annual envelope this weekend, November 11 & 12, 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 any Mass.

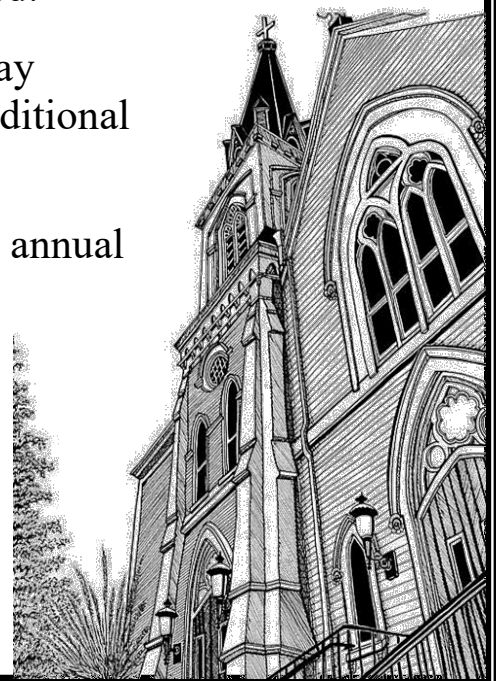
It is important that the special gold envelope you received by mail, or an envelope clearly marked "Grand Annual," be used.

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."***

DT 167:17





TEENS GATHER IN FAITH! **TGIF MEETING NEXT**

SUNDAY: 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 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.



MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP MEETING: Our next Meeting is Sunday, December 3 from 6:30 – 8 PM in the Parish Center. There will be faith, friendship, fun and signups for the December 15 Caroling, Pizza Party, Christmas Lights Trip and the January 26 Snow Tubing Trip! Any and all 6th, 7th and 8th Graders are invited. Bring a friend!

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 diathome17@aol.com. 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.

THE ROSE FOR LIFE: Is sponsored this week by a St. Mary's parishioner. Please join her in prayer for an unborn child. To sponsor the Rose for Life for 2024 please call 429-4427.

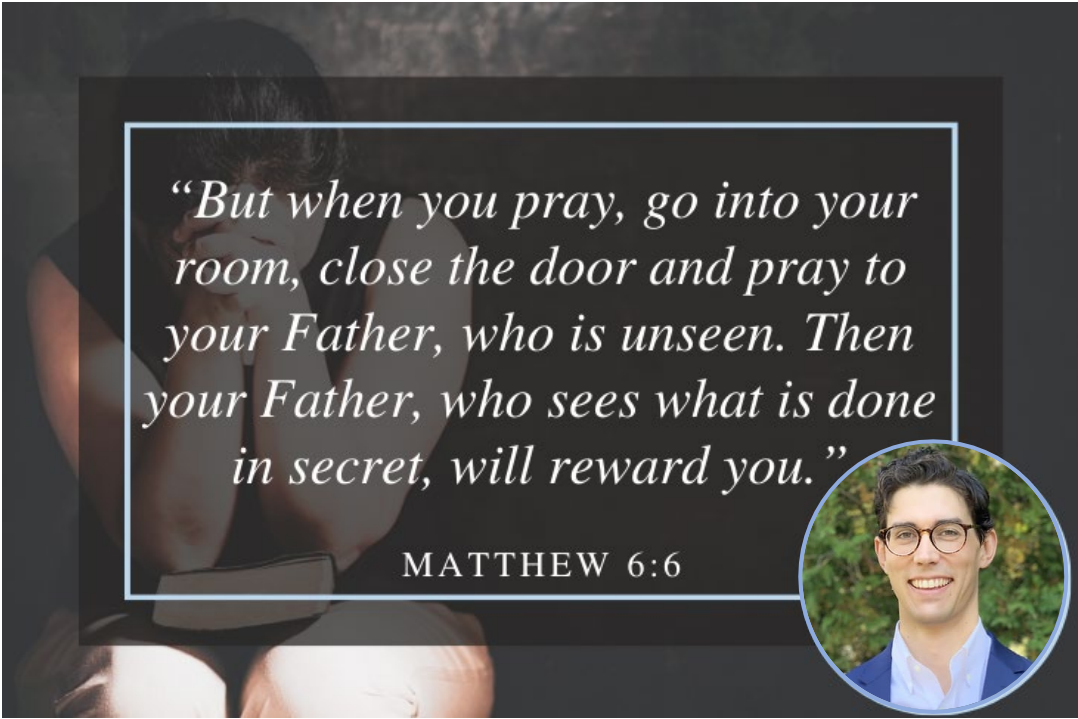


THE PARISH COUNCIL WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU:

Representatives of the Parish Council will be in the lobby of the Parish Center after each Mass on the weekend of November 18 and 19. Please stop by with questions or to share any suggestions, comments or concerns so that we can use them as input to our work for the people of St. Mary's.

AUTOMATIC GIVING CARDS: If you contribute to St. Mary's via Automatic Giving or WeShare and you would like to receive Offertory Cards to put in the collections baskets at Mass please email the Rectory at st.marys1870@gmail.com and we will send them to you. As always God bless you for your faithful stewardship!

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.



"But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you."

MATTHEW 6:6



ST. MARY'S WINGS:

Join us at WINGS on Wednesday, November 15, from 10 - 11:15 AM for the last session of our six-week Fall Season "Prayer – A Conversation with God." Our speaker is Matthew Vale, St. Mary's Parishioner and Professor at Boston College School of Theology and Ministry. "But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you." (Matthew 6:6) Do we allow God to speak to us in the silence of our lives? Sometimes the pace and noise of our busy days

prevents us from hearing the Divine voice. Our speaker will provide us with a teaching on opportunities to pray and listen in silence including Centering Prayer, making a Holy Hour, repetition of the Jesus Prayer and more. These forms of prayer lead us closer to Christ and deepen our relationship with Him. 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 <https://stmarysholliston.com/women-in-gods-spirit-w-i-n-g-s/>. To register for WINGS, email stmaryswingssecretary@gmail.com.

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.

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS: Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 AM Thursday, November 23. Please bring an item of food that will be part of your Thanksgiving meal to be blessed, and then take it home with you for your family table. A collection will be taken at Mass and donated to the Holliston Food Pantry. Mass will be followed by coffee and doughnuts in Fr. Haley Hall.

ADVENT IS COMING! Advent, the start of a New Year in the Church, starts on Sunday, December 3. Watch for your December Newsletter that you will soon receive to learn about all the spiritual offerings offered at St. Mary's during this season of preparation for the Coming of the Lord!

ST. MARY'S MARRIAGE FELLOWSHIP: Join the St. Mary's Marriage Fellowship on Sunday, December 3 for a family-based service project making holiday crafts for the Holliston Senior Center. We will meet in the Lower Church from 2 - 5 PM. Children are welcome. Stop by for as long as you're able! Email stmarysmarriagefellowship@gmail.com to RSVP.

WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS: *"Do not fear what may happen tomorrow. The same loving Father who cares for you today will care for 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, and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginings."* - Saint Francis de Sales



CLOW - CHILDREN K-6: CHILDREN'S

LITURGY OF THE WORD: Today, Sunday, November 12, the children will be dismissed from the main church with a Leader to the lower church hall to listen and learn what Jesus teaches us in the Gospel reading. Younger children are welcome **but must be accompanied by their parents** and be able to sit and engage in the lesson.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES THIS WEEK

DAY	GRADE	GRADE
Sun., Nov. 12	GR-K at 9:15 AM	GR-1 at 8:10 AM
	GR-4 at 10:45 AM	GR-5 at 10:45 AM
	GR-6 at 4:00 PM	GR-7 at 5:00 PM
Mon., Nov. 13	GR-3 at 4:00 PM*	GR-8 at 6:00 PM
Tues., Nov. 14	GR-5 at 4:00 PM	GR-6 at 4:00 PM
	GR-9 at 7:00 PM	
Wed., Nov. 15	GR-2 at 4:15 PM	GR-8 at 6:00 PM
Thur., Nov. 16	GR-9 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 have been sent via email the sign up forms 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. The pick-up for all students will be in Fr. Haley Hall at 5:30 PM.

GRADE 4 TOUR OF THE CHURCH: On Sunday, November 19 at 3:30 PM all Grade 4 children in Sunday and weekday classes, including home schooled children, will meet in the church with their teachers for the church tour. Pick-up for all students will be in the church at 5:00 PM. Parents are welcome to attend.

CONFIRMATION I AND II: Grade 9 classes meet on Tuesday, November 14 and Thursday, November 16 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 www.Virtusonline.org. 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 st.marysre1870@gmail.com for processing. New volunteers must have information verified in person by any staff member. *Please note: If a FY2023 form has already been submitted, 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.***

**Holliston Newcomers and Neighbors
Thanksgiving Donation Certificate**

Name: _____

Address: _____



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.**