

*“As soon as I lie down,  
I fall peacefully asleep,  
for you alone, O LORD,  
are my safe dwelling.”*

Psalm 4:9



## 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 Choir 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  
 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

**MASS Intentions**

**Saturday April 13**  
 5:00 Regina Duval  
 7:30 People of St. Mary's

**Sunday April 14**  
 7:30 Martin J. O'Neill, Jr., 17<sup>th</sup> Anv.  
 9:30 Gary Sencio  
 11:30 Janet O'Reilly

**Monday April 15**  
 9:00 Joan Quigley

**Tuesday April 16**  
 9:00 Deceased Members of the  
 Charlson and Johnson Families

**Wednesday April 17**  
 9:00 Robert Bonavire

**Thursday April 18**  
 9:00 Paul T. Shea, 10<sup>th</sup> Anv.

**Friday April 19**  
 9:00 Major Vincent Mullen (Living)

**Saturday April 20**  
 5:00 Ray Moloney, 2<sup>nd</sup> Anv.  
 7:30 Ginny Riley

**Sunday April 21**  
 7:30 People of St. Mary's  
 9:30 Todd Parmenter  
 11:30 Christopher Lebak

**PARISH OFFERTORY LAST WEEKEND:**

Automatic Giving: \$ 6,820.50  
 WeShare: \$ 5,194.93  
 Offertory Envelopes: \$ 8,816.00  
 Total Offertory: \$ 20,831.43

May God bless you for your faithful stewardship.  
 Thank you for making up any missed weekly parish support. The fiscal health of your parish depends on it.



**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

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

Our Gospel verse today starts with the two disciples who met Jesus on the road to Emmaus hurrying back to share with the other disciples what had happened. As they are sharing about their encounter with Jesus, the Risen Lord appears in their midst. It is almost as if their sharing opens a spiritual space in which the Lord is then made manifest.

In this Easter Season, let us take time to share with others our own stories of faith – those times when the Lord touched our lives with His power, His presence, His love. Maybe it was in a difficult moment, as when Jesus came to walk with the two grieving, sorrowful disciples on the Emmaus road. Maybe it was in a joyful moment, when a new opportunity opened up for us, or a prayer was answered more awesomely than we had ever thought possible.

Let us in particular talk of our personal faith with our children and teens, who are still trying to recognize the Lord and find the life's path to which He is calling them. "While they were still speaking, Jesus appeared and stood in their midst," said our Gospel verse. And when we speak of the Lord, we not only bring Him to others, we receive Him anew ourselves. By sharing, we reflect on and come to better appreciate Who Jesus has been for us, and how He has blessed our journey home to God.

In His Service and Yours,

Rev. Mark J. Coiro



**SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL BOXES**

Parishioners have asked about the new signage on these boxes. St. Vincent de Paul works with CMRK, a Textile exporter located in Northborough, Massachusetts. CMRK's mission "Clothing with a Conscience" is to educate, facilitate, and hearten communities and individuals in order to facilitate environmental progress through the ethical and responsible collection of second chance clothing, shoes, and household items. Their goal is to help both those in need, and our environment. CMRK transports clothing from St. Mary's in Holliston to the St. Vincent De Paul store located at 18 Canton Street in Stoughton, MA. Any questions please contact St. Vincent de Paul at 781-344-3100.

**CORI RENEWAL ALERT:** All active and new volunteers (18+ years) must now have a completed **2024 CORI** form on file in order to serve in a ministry. If you are renewing, you may submit a completed/signed CORI along with a copy of your license to [st.marys1870@gmail.com](mailto:st.marys1870@gmail.com), or in person. If you are new, you must have your completed/signed CORI form and license verified in person by a staff member. CORI forms are available outside of the Religious Education office. Thank you!



**HOLLISTON 300 PARADE!** We are in need of volunteers to represent our Parish Family by marching alongside our float in the big 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Parade on Saturday, May 11. We are looking for men, women, boys and girls. Please respond to Mary Beth at [st.marys1870@gmail.com](mailto:st.marys1870@gmail.com). Also, watch for our TGIF Bake Sale in front of the church on parade day, benefitting the Summer Mississippi Mission Trip!

**ST. MARY'S MOM'S PRAYER GROUP:** Please join us this Tuesday, April 16 from 10:30 AM - 12 noon in Fr. Haley Hall. Every week we pray together, read reflections according to the liturgical season, and share prayer intentions. Children of all ages are welcome, there are a few toys and coloring activities available. Coffee and snacks are provided.

**WINGS:** (Women in God's Spirit) Spring Season continues **this Wednesday, April 17** at 10 AM in Father Haley Hall **and on Zoom**. Our Spring Season focuses on "Living as a Praying Person." This Wednesday, **Fr. Austin Fleming** will speak on "Blessed in Ways not Imagined". As a Senior Priest in residence at Good Shepherd Collaborative in Wayland, MA, Fr. Austin provides daily *Pause for Prayer* and *Night Prayer* entries on his popular blog, *A Concord Pastor Comments* and has authored several small books on worship and prayer. Fr. Fleming will share how his prayer life has evolved through his writing and also his hopes for sharing and inspiring others through prayer, music, and art. All women are invited to attend. Childcare is available; please register in advance. Email [stmaryswingssecretary@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryswingssecretary@gmail.com) to register or call Jen at 617-852-9632.



**EARTH DAY 2024:** Earth Day is celebrated on Monday, April 22; this year's theme is "Planet vs. Plastics". Earth Day has been observed since 1970; the Environmental Protection Agency was created by the federal government in response to the teachings and protests on the first Earth Day. On Saturday, April 20 from 11 AM - 3 PM, Framingham continues its annual tradition of hosting an Earth Day Festival on the Framingham Centre Common (Edgell Road, north of Route 9). Please visit the website, <https://framinghamearthday.org/>, for more information.

*"May the relationship between man and nature not be driven by greed, to manipulate and exploit, but may the divine harmony between beings and creation be conserved in the logic of respect and care."* - Pope Francis



**K OF C CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT:** You can help families and individuals in need while enjoying a day on the golf course by participating in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Knights of Columbus "*Swing for Charity*" Golf Tournament on Friday, June 21, at Pinecrest Golf Club. Proceeds from this charitable event will be donated to the Holliston Pantry Shelf and the MetroWest Veterans Emergency Relief Fund. You can register as a sponsor, player, or foursome at [KofCswingforcharity.com](http://KofCswingforcharity.com). Alternatively, you can mail a check payable to K of C Council 14224 c/o Tony Polise at 172 Rolling Meadow Dr., Holliston, MA, 01746, or payment can be made via VENMO @KofC14224. Prices can be found at [KofCswingforcharity.com](http://KofCswingforcharity.com). Thank you for your continued support of the St. Mary's Knights of Columbus.



**THE ROSE FOR LIFE:** Is sponsored this week by the Butler Family. Please join them in prayer for an unborn child. To sponsor the Rose for Life, please call the Rectory at 429-4427.

**HOLLISTON PANTRY SHELF:** We offer a grocery store shopping experience where Holliston residents are able to select from close to 500 quality food items, including: milk, beef, chicken, fish, pork, seasonal produce, eggs, cheese, yogurt, canned soups, beans, pastas, cereals, coffee, snacks, and personal care items like shampoo, laundry detergent, soap and toothpaste. Shoppers need to only obtain a Pantry ID card through the Town Clerk's office at the Town Hall. For more assistance, please contact us at (508) 429-5392 or at [info.hollistonpantryshelf@gmail.com](mailto:info.hollistonpantryshelf@gmail.com).

**MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP**

**Tuesday, April 16:** BODA BORG, Vacation Week.  
**Friday, May 3:** 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Nursing Home BINGO.  
**Friday, May 17:** SCAVENGER HUNT!  
**Sunday May 19:** End of Year Meeting & Potluck,  
 6:30 – 8:30 PM.



**TGIF HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP**

**Next Sunday, April 21:**

Monthly TGIF Meeting, 7 - 8:45 PM. Sign Ups will be held for two Mission Trip Fundraisers - the Parade Bake Sale and Mother's Day Flower Sales. Sign Ups will also be held for the two day TGIF Whitewater Rafting trip to Maine - July 14 and 15. This is a week before the Mission Trip! April 21 is also Chipotle Night, starting with food at 7 PM so come hungry!

**Sunday May 5:** Mission Mass 11:30 AM; End of Year Meeting and Potluck, 7 - 9 PM.  
**Saturday, May 11:** Parade Bake Sale Booth Fund Raiser.  
**Saturday / Sunday, May 11 & 12:** Mother's Day Flowers Fund Raiser.  
**Sunday, May 12:** 11:30 AM Mass for Class of 2024 Graduates with Reception.  
**Thursday, May 16:** FINAL MISSION TRIP PAYMENT DUE!

**Support Our Mississippi Mission Trip Teens! Teens Gather In Faith!** This July, 72 high school students from St. Mary's will travel to Gulfport, Mississippi for a week of faith-filled Mission work and service. This is a life-changing week for the teens and chaperones as they live out their faith, make lifelong friendships and get to know the people they serve. It is a beautiful extension of our parish family's Mission to know, love and serve God.

**MOTHER'S DAY BOUQUET FUNDRAISER:** On this special day for mothers, we would like to help you celebrate her with a unique bouquet to show your appreciation. The teens who will be attending the Summer Mission Trip to Mississippi will be selling beautiful bouquets of flowers for a suggested donation of \$30 / bouquet. All proceeds from the sales will go directly to the teens to offset the cost of the Mission Trip. Flower bouquets will be for sale after all masses on Mother's Day Weekend, May 11 and 12. Thank you for supporting this important ministry!



**CLASS OF 2024 MASS FOR GRADUATES:**

Sunday, May 12, at 11:30 AM, St. Mary's will offer her 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Mass for Graduates. This year our parish has teens graduating from seven different schools. The Mass will include a special Blessing of Graduates, the Presentation of the 2024 Blessed Mother Scholarship, and a Student Class Speaker. The Mass is followed by a light reception in Fr. Haley Hall, and a Group Class Photo for the Newsletter. Come congratulate our graduates!



### **MAY 5, Crowning of Mary Mass ~**

The 11:30 AM Mass this Sunday will conclude with a Marian Procession. Led by our Grade 5 Students, and weather permitting, the Statue of the Blessed Mother in front of the rectory will be crowned, and a decade of the Rosary prayed. All Parishioners are invited to be part of this celebration, as we usher in Our Lady's Month of May and ask her prayerful intercession on our behalf.



### **MAY 8, Ascension Thursday, A Holy Day of Obligation ~**

**Vigil Mass, Wednesday, May 8, at 7:00 PM**

**Feast Day Masses, Thursday, May 9, at 9:00 AM & 6:30 PM**

The Feast of the Ascension of Jesus Christ is celebrated each year on the fortieth day after the Feast of Pascha (Easter). Since the date of Pascha changes each year, the date of the Feast of the Ascension also changes. The Feast is always celebrated on a Thursday, and marks an event of such importance that it is a Holy Day of Obligation. This means that Catholics attend Mass this day as on a Sunday. The Feast itself commemorates when, on the fortieth day after His Resurrection, Jesus led His disciples to the Mount of Olives, and after blessing them and asking them to wait for the fulfillment of the promise of the Holy Spirit, He ascended into heaven. Where He has gone, we hope one day to follow!



**MAY 12, Mother's Day ~** A special Blessing of Mothers will take place at all Masses this weekend. Lovely Flower Bouquets will also be available in support of our High School Summer Mission Trip to Mississippi.

**MAY 12, Class of 2024 Mass for Graduates! ~** See previous page for details!



**CLOW - CHILDREN K-6: CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**, today, Sunday, April 14, the children will be dismissed from the church and led to the lower church hall to listen and learn what Jesus has to tell them in the Gospel.

**SPRING VACATION:** Sun., April 14 to April 19.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES THIS WEEK**

DAY	GRADE	GRADE
Sun., April 14	Vacation Week	
Sun., April 21	GR-2 at 8:10 AM	GR-2 at 10:45 AM
	GR-3 at 7:55 AM	GR-3 at 10:45 AM
	GR-6 at 4:00 PM	GR-7 at 5:00 PM
Mon., April 22	GR-8 at 6:00 PM	
Tues. April 23	GR-5 at 4:00 PM	GR-6 at 4:00 PM
	GR-6 at 5:00 PM	GR-10 at 7:00 PM
Wed., April 24	GR-2 at 4:00 PM	GR-8 at 6:00 PM
Thur., April 25	GR-5 at 4:00 PM	GR-10 at 7:00 PM

**FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH:** If your child has missed several years of religious education, it is never too late to prepare them for a lifelong relationship with God. Our Catholic faith, founded by Jesus Christ, provides a good moral foundation based on the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Please contact us if your child needs to be prepared to receive the Sacraments of Baptism or First Communion.  
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**MAY DEVOTION:** Sunday, May 5 following the 11:30 AM Mass! Everyone is welcome to join with our Grade 3, 4 and 5 students to honor our Blessed Mother in the May Devotion. Parishioners are asked to bring their Rosary beads and flowers. The statue of Mary will be crowned by a fifth grader. Please come and take part in this beautiful devotion to the Mother of God who is our Heavenly Mother and Advocate before the throne of God on our behalf.

Jesus will never refuse His beloved Mother anything when she brings our petitions before Him.

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU:** To all the adults and teens who volunteered their time to make our Grade 2 retreat a success this past weekend, most especially to our Grade 2 Coordinator Derri Cole and our Grade 3 Coordinator Melissa Cataldo.

**CONFIRMATION I AND II:** Grade 10 Classes meet on Tuesday, April 23 and Thursday, April 25 from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. Students are to check into Fr. Haley Hall for their classes.

**VBS REGISTRATION NOW OPEN! Our 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Vacation Bible School will take place July 22-26, 9:00 AM to Noon.** Join us as we DIVE DEEP into friendship with Jesus! VBS is a weeklong celebration of faith with song, arts, crafts, movies, games, drama and Scripture. \$75 per camper, \$200 family limit. Space is limited. Register today! Camper registration: <https://forms.gle/RGKP8s6ZXBsXFLdS8>

**VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** It's no secret that the volunteers have just as much fun as the campers! Teens (entering Grade 7 or older) along with adults are needed to make our underwater adventure a success. Full week or partial week volunteers welcome. Volunteer registration: <https://forms.gle/HsAhsPjPkBrXVGwo7>

**CALLING ALL CRAFTERS!** Make some coral at home to add to the VBS set. Coral can be made with things you already have in your house such as cupcake liners, bottle caps, pipe cleaners and so much more! Google search for coral crafts or make anything you can imagine. Drop off to the Religious Education office.

**YOUR TRASH IS OUR UNDERSEA TREASURE!** VBS needs you! Do you have any of these items to repurpose? Flat-screen TV boxes, appliance boxes, pool noodles, or Styrofoam packaging inserts. How about items we can borrow? Human dummy, flippers, snorkel mask and mouthpiece, 8 lb. bowling ball or large fish tank? Check out our full wish list at: <https://shorturl.at/ctzKQ>.

