

TO ALL MOTHERS

# Happy Mother's Day!

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Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband, too, praises her. Many are the women of proven worth, but you have excelled them all. (Proverbs 31:28-29)

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## 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!



# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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

Happy Mother's Day! A blessed and happy Mother's Day to the moms of St. Mary's and to all our mothers wherever they may be. A mother's love speaks to us so powerfully of God's own love - a love that is sacrificial, unstinting, and always ready to forgive. The prophet Isaiah put it so beautifully when he said, *"Can a mother forget her infant? Be without tenderness for the child of her womb? I tell you, even should she forget, I will never forget you."* (Is 49:15) It is no accident that the Church herself is referred to as a Mother, guiding her children in love and always ready to welcome them home. In John 14:18, Jesus promised that He would not leave us orphans, and that promise was fulfilled with the creation of His Church on Pentecost. Filled that day by the Holy Spirit of God, our Mother the Church began her long mission of raising up children in faith to know and love the Lord. *"As nurslings, you shall be carried in her arms, and fondled in her lap; as a mother comforts her son, so will I comfort you."* (Is 66:13)

I congratulate all those parents who made sure their children experienced the Holy Day of Obligation this past Thursday. The very few Holy Days of our faith each year mark events so central to our salvation that their observance carries the same importance as Sunday Mass. The Ascension Masses we celebrated together on May 8 and 9 gave us a glimpse of our future, as Christ returned in glory to heaven. Because He carried our frail humanity with Him, Jesus has given us all the hope of an eternal home with the Father. Our earthly lives are so very busy with work, sports and so many other activities that it is easy for faith to get crowded out. The fact that you made time to bring your children to observe the Holy Day of the Ascension mid-week provided them a powerful example about setting our hearts first on the good things promised us in heaven. Well done!

This weekend our St. Mary's family recognizes our graduating High School parishioners from many schools. In today's Gospel, Jesus prays that God will protect and consecrate His followers. And we ask God's blessing upon the young men and women of the Class of 2024, that He may watch over them, keep them safe, and guide their steps always in His path. We pray also that these graduates will seek God's will and purpose for their lives. For if they can prayerfully discover and live out their true vocations, then they will be happier, healthier, and more of a blessing to others than they would be doing anything else.

God bless you!



# FOR OUR YOUTH



**MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP:** This Friday, May 17: SCAVENGER HUNT!

Sunday May 19: End of Year Meeting and Parent Potluck, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, Fr. Haley Hall.

Sunday, June 23 - Monday, June 24: 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Kennebec Rafting.

Tuesday, July 30: Brownstone Quarry Park, CT.  
Friday, August 16: 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Deerfield Rafting Trip

**TEENS GATHER IN FAITH**  
High School Youth Group



**TODAY ~**  
**MOTHER'S DAY**  
**BOUQUET MISSION**  
**TRIP FUNDRAISER:**



**On this special day for mothers, we would like to help you celebrate her with a unique bouquet to show your appreciation.**

**The TGIF teens who will be attending the Summer Mission Trip to Mississippi will be selling beautiful bouquets of flowers for a suggested donation of \$30 a 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 this Mother's Day Weekend, May 11 and 12. Thank you for supporting this important ministry!**



## TO THE MOMS WHO ARE

To the Moms who are struggling, to those filled with incandescent joy.

To the Moms who are remembering children who have died, and pregnancies that miscarried.

To the Moms who decided other parents were the best choice for their babies, to the Moms who adopted those kids and loved them fierce.

To those experiencing frustration or desperation in infertility.

To those who knew they were not called to have kids, and the ways they have contributed to our shared world.

To those who mothered colleagues, mentees, neighborhood kids, and anyone who needed it.

To those remembering Moms no longer with us.

To those moving forward from Moms who did not show love, or hurt those they should have cared for.

Today is a day to honor the unyielding love and care for others we call 'Motherhood,' wherever we have found it and in whatever ways we have found to cultivate it within ourselves.

- Rev. H. Kardon

**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

**SECOND COLLECTION FOR SEMINARIES**

**NEXT WEEKEND:** Supports the formation and training of seminarians in the Archdiocese of Boston for service, we pray, as future priests. We are blessed that many are responding to the call to serve as priests. Please be generous and support these seminarians on their journey toward their ordination to the priesthood. For more information, please visit [www.VocationsBoston.org](http://www.VocationsBoston.org).

**PARISH OFFERTORY LAST WEEKEND:**

Automatic Giving:	\$ 4,305.00
WeShare:	\$ 5,613.21
Offertory Envelopes:	\$ 8,987.00
Total Offertory:	\$ 18,905.21

Thank you for making up any missed weekly parish support. The fiscal health of your parish depends on it. Kindly consider switching to WeShare or Automatic Giving. See: <https://stmarysholliston.com/how-to-give/>

**CLASS OF 2024 MASS FOR GRADUATES:**

Today 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 six different schools. The Mass will include:

- 2024 Student Class Speaker, Charlie Smith,
- A Special Blessing of All Graduates,
- Presentation of the Blessed Mother Scholarship,
- Group Class Photo for the Newsletter (after Mass),
- Members of the Class of 2024 will also serve in various ministries at this Mass.

The Mass is followed by a light reception in Fr. Haley Hall. Come congratulate our graduates!

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>May 11</b>
5:15	Joan Mullen
7:30	John and Helen Shannahan
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 12</b>
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Catherine Martha Whalen
11:30	Mass for Graduates
<b>Monday</b>	<b>May 13</b>
9:00	John Cocchiarella
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>May 14</b>
9:00	Dolores Wilverding
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>May 15</b>
9:00	Holy Souls
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>May 16</b>
9:00	John Walker
<b>Friday</b>	<b>May 17</b>
9:00	Major Vincent P. Mullen (Living)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>May 18</b>
5:00	Paul T. Shea
7:30	Beverly Walsh
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 19</b>
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Ryan Harvey
11:30	James Porcello

**HOLLISTON PANTRY SHELF:** Food items needed at the Pantry: pasta, spaghetti, tomato paste, canned peaches (15 oz), Ramen Noodles - Beef and Chicken, Beefaroni, pasta sauce, canned corn, snacks and Juice Boxes. Donations may be dropped off in the tan bin by the main parking lot entrance here at St. Mary's or at the Pantry Shelf at 73 Charles Street, Holliston.

**SAVE THE DATE, THE FAMILY BBQ IS COMING!** St. Mary's Family Barbecue is Saturday, June 22 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM in Father Haley Hall. Join us as Tennessee BBQ fires up the grill for BBQ chicken,



pulled pork, cheeseburgers, hotdogs, baked beans, corn on the cob and much more. Bring the kids and experience a fun filled evening of good food, friendship and *live country music!* Come meet your neighbors! There will be family games and contests! Tickets: \$7 for kids 12 and under, \$10 for adults. Tickets go on sale after all Masses the weekend of June 8 and 9, 15 and 16, and may also be purchased through the Religious Education Office starting June 3. There are no tickets at the door.

**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.marysre1870@gmail.com](mailto:st.marysre1870@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!

**PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN TRAINING WORKSHOP:** All new volunteers in any ministry must take the Protecting God's Children (PGC) training. We will be holding a workshop on **Monday, May 20, from 6:00 – 9:00 PM**. Please pre-register for the class at [www.Virtusonline.org](http://www.Virtusonline.org); click on first-time registrant; select Boston, MA Archdiocese; create a VIRTUS log-in, and follow the prompts to register. Thank You!

**A MESSAGE FROM BIRTHRIGHT:** At Birthright of Framingham, located at 79A Main St., we understand the challenges related to an unplanned pregnancy. We provide a wide range of services but always remain focused on loving the mother and ensuring she is not alone. Our trained volunteers are the heart of what we provide. Would you please consider if you have a few hours per week or per month to offer to moms in need? Kindly call our office for more information at 508-620-0657. Happy Mother's Day to all!



**WINGS: Please join WINGS (Women in God's Spirit) for an end-of-season Celebration on Wednesday, May 15 at 10:00 AM in Fr. Haley Hall.** The celebration will include *praying the rosary, fellowship, and refreshments*. We hope to see you there! Babysitting is available. Email [stmaryswingssecretary@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryswingssecretary@gmail.com) to register or call Diane at 508-259-7795 or Jen at 617-852-9632.

**ST. MARY'S MOM'S PRAYER GROUP:** Please join us this Tuesday, May 14 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.

**YOUR CHANCE TO WIN \$2,000! NEXT WEEK AFTER ALL MASSES:** Our Knights of Columbus Council #14224 will be selling raffle tickets for our 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Raffle. First prize is \$2000 - doubled from last year, or \$500 or \$250 or \$150 or \$100. Tickets are \$20 for a book of five tickets or \$5 for one ticket. We are ready for your Venmo purchase in case you do not have cash. Even if you are not a prize winner, take heart that your ticket purchase helps local charities like our Holliston Food Pantry, Holliston Senior Center, and the Veterans Services of Metrowest. Your participation in our Charity Raffle has allowed our Council to donate over \$320,000 to various worthy charities. Thank you for your help.



**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.

**CEMETERY REMINDER:** Please remove all Christmas/Winter decorations, wreaths, folding chairs, benches not used as headstones, and old planters from the Cemetery **by today, Sunday, May 12**. R and R Landscape has begun the Spring Cleanup of our beautiful Cemetery and is preparing the grounds for the Spring and Summer. Please do not throw empty containers, plastic flowers, old plantings, etc. in the woods or on the side of the Cemetery Road. If you have any questions regarding the Cemetery please call the Rectory at 508-429-4427. St. Mary's Cemetery Policies (Promulgated May 1, 1985) can be found on our website under Sacraments/Funerals and then scroll to the bottom of the page. Or: <https://stmarysholliston.com/funerals/>. Thank you.



**CLOW - CHILDREN K-6: CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**, today, Sunday, May 12 the children will be dismissed from the main assembly and led to the lower church hall to hear what Jesus has to tell them in the Gospel. **Please note:** **Very young children must be accompanied by their parents** and able to sit and engage in the lesson. Older children are welcome to assist the adult leaders.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES THIS WEEK**

DAY	GRADE	GRADE
Tues., May 14	GR-10 at 7:00 PM	Final Exam
Thur., May 16	GR-10 at 7:00 PM	Final Exam
Tues., May 21	GR-6 at 4:00 PM	GR-6 at 5:00 PM

**GRADE 2 REVIEW CLASSES:** On Sunday, May 19 and Tuesday, May 22 there will be classes to review the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist and have the opportunity to learn how to properly receive Jesus in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. This is an important class session for all the children.

**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 at [st.marvsdre1870@gmail.com](mailto:st.marvsdre1870@gmail.com).



**FIRST COMMUNION TEEN VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED:** Our First Communion Masses are on Saturday, June 8 and Saturday, June 15 at 10:30 AM. Each year we ask high school teens to offer their time to be ushers and helpers. There is a need for four teens at each Mass. If you can help contact [st.marvsre1870@gmail.com](mailto:st.marvsre1870@gmail.com).

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR 2024-2025:** Our classes for this year are coming to a close and planning for next year has begun. **Before you leave for your summer vacations kindly complete our new online registrations available starting on JULY 1.** This great opportunity to register online will simplify the process along with online payment using WeShare. The staff is working now to finalize this new registration format for our families with children and youth in grades PRE-K through Grade 10. Please watch the bulletin for notices and mailings regarding program changes, online registrations, and class schedules in the month to come.

**CONFIRMATION I AND II:** Grade 10 classes meet on Tuesday, May 14 and Thursday, May 16 from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. Students will take their final exam for the year. Students are to check into Fr. Haley Hall.

looking for oceans of fun?





VBS

we hope to "sea" you here!

**VBS REGISTRATION NOW OPEN! "SCUBA," our 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Vacation Bible School will take place July 22 - 26, from 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!** Join us on Wednesday, May 29 from 7:30 to 9:00 PM in Father Haley Hall to help make coral crafts for VBS. Please bring a hot glue gun if you have one. Supplies are provided. NO EXPERIENCE necessary. Just come and join in the fun so that the children are awed and amazed with their SCUBA surroundings.

**DO YOU HAVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS? OUR VBS UNDERSEA PROPS STILL NEED MANY DONATIONS:** Pool noodles, or Styrofoam packaging inserts. Laundry bottle caps, marshmallow sticks, black poster board (thin not thick). Do you have items that we can borrow such as an 8-lb. bowling ball, a large fish tank, flippers, snorkel mask and mouthpiece? How about a human dummy (full scale)? Check out our full wish list at: <https://shorturl.at/aenvJ>.