



St. Mary's Parish
Feast of Pentecost

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 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. – June)
 11:30 AM Choir Mass



HOLY DAYS: As announced.

ADORATION SCHEDULE: First Fridays from 9:30 - 10:30 AM and as announced. 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 and 4th Sunday of each month. To register for Baptism Preparation call 508-429-4427.

MARRIAGE: Please call at least 6 months in advance of your desired wedding date.

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, please call the Rectory at 429-4427.

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.

This year's BBQ live musical entertainment is the Adlie & Mike Duo! Adlie Thrower and Michael Leach



combine to make one of New England's finest vocal acoustic acts. Although unbound by category, Adlie & Mike have a decisively Country/Americana feel. Their natural chemistry and impeccable musicianship is apparent with every performance. Pop, Rock, Country or Oldies, they sing it all. From the classic vocal harmonies of The Beatles to fun arrangements of today's pop hits, they've got you covered. Song requests are always encouraged! **Listen to the Adlie & Mike Duo here:** <https://vimeo.com/910168437>.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR SEMINARIES

THIS 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.

PARISH OFFERTORY LAST WEEKEND:

Automatic Giving:	\$ 6,663.50
WeShare:	\$ 3,346.25
Offertory Envelopes:	\$ 7,829.00
Total Offertory:	\$ 17,838.75

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/>.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Today is the Feast of Pentecost, often called the "Birthday of the Church." This was the day when Jesus took a group of frightened, unsure disciples and transformed them into fearless witnesses of His Gospel. This was accomplished by the Holy Spirit, which as described in today's Gospel Jesus sent upon His disciples with the sound of wind and the form of fire.

Perhaps take a moment today to look at the Holy Spirit window in the St. Mary transept of our own church. In it the Holy Spirit is shown as a dove, surrounded by the very tongues of flame that descended on the disciples on Pentecost. Like candles touched by fire, the disciples were set ablaze – powered now by the Spirit's sevenfold gifts to bring light to a darkened world.

The gifts of the Holy Spirit, also depicted on our window, are wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude (strength), knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. They were poured out on each of us in the Sacrament of Confirmation through the ministry of the bishop, who prayed the following words:

"All powerful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by water and the Holy Spirit you freed your sons and daughters from sin and gave them new life. Send your Holy Spirit upon them to be their helper and guide. Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgment and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence. Fill them with the spirit of wonder and awe in your presence. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen."

Then the bishop, making the sign of the cross with Holy Chrism upon our forehead, said, "Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit."

Once Confirmed, the Gifts of the Holy Spirit are ever present and accessible to us by prayer. They are God's own gifts, meant to empower us for Christian living and for the work of sharing with others the Gospel of Christ's love.

I invite you on this Feast of Pentecost to reflect on the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, and to consider which one you feel the greatest need for at this moment of your journey home to God. Then by prayer ask God to breathe upon the embers of that gift already glowing within your soul, that it might burst into new flame and power in your life.

In closing, I would like to thank all those who contributed to St. Mary's presence in last weekend's 300th Anniversary of Holliston Parade. This includes the individuals and families who walked and the St. Mary's Knights of Columbus. Special thanks to our float designers and builders – Billy Hanson, Bill and Mary Lou Dolan, Dave DeStefano, Bill Duffy and Lisa Dufault. St. Mary's is "only" 154 years old, but we are by far the largest religious organization in town and our people are a true blessing to the community. Again, thank you to all who represented us so well!

May the Lord of Our Journey continue to bless you and yours.

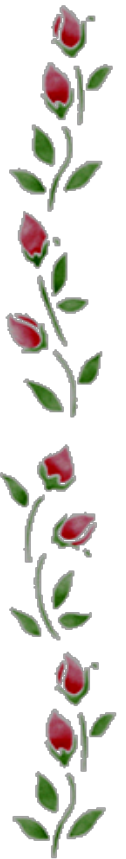
Under His Mercy,

Rev. Mark J. Coiro



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	May 18
5:00	Paul T. Shea
7:30	Beverly Walsh
Sunday	May 19
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Ryan Harvey
11:30	James Porcello
Monday	May 20
9:00	Phyllis Weidig
Tuesday	May 21
9:00	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday	May 22
9:00	The Stahl Children (Living)
Thursday	May 23
9:00	Richard Gentile
Friday	May 24
9:00	Giuseppe and Assunta Bomba
Saturday	May 25
5:00	John Cocchiarella
7:30	Nancy Mercurio, 18 th Anv.
Sunday	May 26
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Oswaldo and Giancarlo Bomba
11:30	George J. Bourque, 13 th Anv.



MEMORIAL DAY, MONDAY, MAY 27: Mass at St. Mary's Church at 9:00 AM. Prayers and military honors at St. Mary's Cemetery at 10:00 AM.

ROSES ~ The thirty red roses in front of St. Mary's altar this weekend are a gift from Fr. Mark's parents to mark his 30th Anniversary of Priesthood this coming Tuesday, May 21. Please say a prayer for our pastor on this special occasion!

FOR OUR YOUTH



MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP:

TONIGHT ~ Sunday, May 19: End of Year Meeting and Parent Potluck, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, Fr. Haley Hall. Bring your parents and whatever food you were assigned. See you tonight!

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

Tuesday, July 30: Brownstone Quarry Park, CT.

Friday, August 16: 6th Grade Deerfield Rafting Trip.



Potluck Tonight!



TEENS GATHER IN FAITH High School Youth Group

Saturday, June 8: Fatima Shrine Car Wash Fund Raiser.

Saturday, June 22: St. Mary's Car Wash Fund Raiser.

Sunday, June 23 - Monday, June 24: Kennebec Whitewater Rafting.

Saturday, July 20, 5 PM: Mission Mass Blessing and Commissioning.

Sunday, July 21: Departure Flight.

Saturday, July 27: Return Flight.

Sunday, July 28: Welcome Home Mission Mass, 11:30 AM.

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, 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 TOMORROW: All new volunteers in any ministry must take the Protecting God's Children (PGC) training. We will be holding a workshop tomorrow, Monday, May 20, from 6:00 – 9:00 PM. Please pre-register for the class at 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!

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER MAY 31: *I beg you...bear with one another in love. (Ephesians 4:1-3)* Let us celebrate the Country of Palestine. World Day of Prayer (WDP) is a worldwide ecumenical movement of women of many faith traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year. We welcome men to attend with us in the celebration. Please join us as we gather to celebrate at St. Michael's Church, 1162 Highland Street, Holliston on Friday, May 31, at 10:00 AM in the sanctuary. All are welcome!

ST. MARY'S MOM'S PRAYER GROUP: Please join us this Tuesday, May 21 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.

WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS: *"Come, Holy Spirit. Spirit of truth, you are the reward of the saints, the comforter of souls, light in the darkness, riches to the poor, treasure to lovers, food for the hungry, comfort to those who are wandering; to sum up, you are the one in whom all treasures are contained. Come! As you descended upon Mary that the Word might become flesh, work in us through grace as you worked in her through nature and grace. Come! Food of every chaste thought, fountain of all mercy, sum of all purity. Come! Consume in us whatever prevents us from being consumed in you."* - St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi

**AFTER ALL MASSES TODAY -
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 16th**

ANNUAL CHARITY RAFFLE: Knights will be selling raffle tickets at all doors after Masses this weekend. This is your chance to win the first prize of \$2000 or \$500 or \$250 or \$150 or \$100. Tickets are a book of five tickets for \$20 or one ticket for \$5. We will take your Venmo purchase if you have no cash. 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 \$320,000 to various worthy charities. If you miss this weekend's sale, the Council will be selling raffle tickets May 31 and June 1 at Roche Brothers in Millis and June 8 and 9 at Shaw's in Ashland. Thank you for your help.



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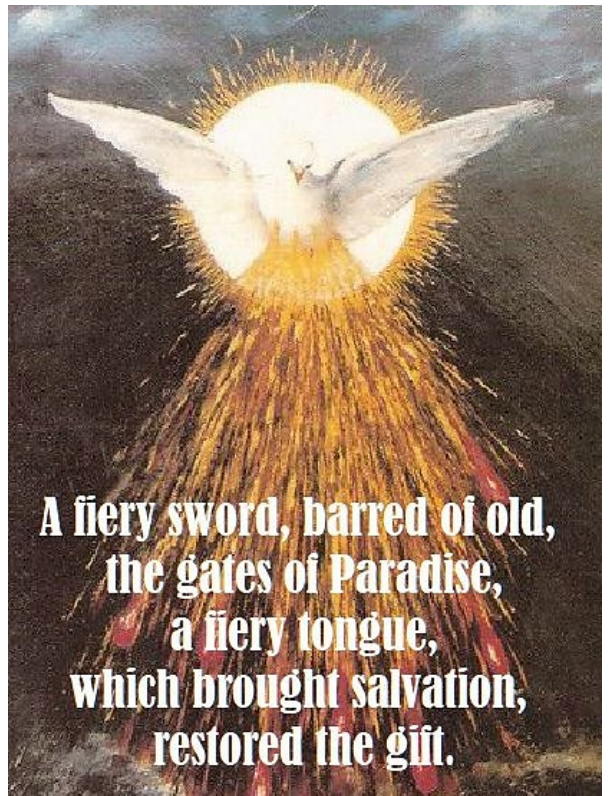
CELEBRATING FR. JOE ROSSI ON HIS 40TH PRIESTHOOD ANNIVERSARY: On June 9, Fr. Joe Rossi will be celebrating his 40th Priesthood Anniversary. Fr. Joe was assigned at St. Mary's from 1989 until 1991 and faithfully served the community with a loving heart and a joy-filled spirit. We welcome you to join us at St. Catherine Church/Blessed Trinity Parish for the 10:30 AM Mass on June 9. Fr. Joe will preside over this Liturgy and following there will be a reception in the Parish Hall. If you would like to send a card, please mail it to: Fr. Joe Rossi, Blessed Trinity Parish, 2 West Street, Westford, MA, 01886.

SERVING THE SPIRITUAL NEEDS OF GRIEVING

PARENTS: The Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents serves the spiritual needs of parents whose children of any age have died by any cause. This one-day retreat gives parents the opportunity to concentrate on their individual spiritual journey through the grief and come to know the promise of Jesus and eternal life. Saturday, June 1, from 9:30 AM - 7:30 PM, Mary Queen of Apostles Parish, St. James Church Hall, (150 Federal Street Salem, MA, 01970). The retreat is open to parents of any age, who lost children at any age and by any means (including abortion, miscarriage, suicide and overdose). Participants must register and will be contacted by retreat leaders with additional information. To register, visit mqa.org/emmaus or leave a message for Dr. Christine Williams at 978-594-7780.

ARE YOU GLUTEN FREE? St. Mary's offers low-gluten hosts to our parishioners who may be gluten intolerant. If you require a low-gluten host, please call the Rectory at 508-429-4427, to receive a pyx and learn the consecration procedures.

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY: St. Mary's is in need of more men and women to bring Communion to our elderly and homebound parishioners. You do not have to already be a Eucharistic Minister to participate in this ministry – Eucharistic Minister training is provided. This ministry involves arranging a home visit, weekly or a few times a month, at a mutually convenient time. If you attend Mass weekly, are living a chaste single life or are married in the Church, and are otherwise living out your faith – then we need you! Please consider bringing the Word and our Eucharistic Lord to those unable to take their place in person at the Holy Mass.



CLOW - CHILDREN K-6: CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD, today, Sunday, May 19 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES THIS WEEK

DAY	GRADE	GRADE
Sun., May 19	GR-2 at 8:10 AM*	GR-2 at 10:45 AM*
Tues., May 21	GR-6 at 4:00 PM	GR-6 at 5:00 PM
Wed., May 22	GR-2 at 4:15 PM*	

***GRADE 2 REVIEW CLASSES:** On Sunday, May 19 and Wednesday, May 22 there will be classes to review the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. The children will have the opportunity to learn how to properly receive Jesus in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. This is a very 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.marysdre1870@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. Contact st.marysre1870@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 updates!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEER GRADE COORDINATORS AND TEACHERS: May you receive the blessings and graces God so generously provides for those who proclaim the Truth and Gospel to our children and youth. You are a blessing to St. Mary's Parish. Thank you!



VBS REGISTRATION NOW OPEN! "SCUBA," our 17th 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/aenyJ>.