



# 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. – June)  
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  
 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 LAST WEEKEND:**

Seminarians Collection \$3,162.08. Thank you!

**PARISH OFFERTORY LAST WEEKEND:**

Automatic Giving:	\$ 2,461.50
WeShare:	\$ 3,398.84
Offertory Envelopes:	\$ 8,033.00
Total Offertory:	\$ 13,893.34
Weekly Need:	\$ 15,000.00
<b>Shortfall</b>	<b>- \$ 1,106.66</b>

**Thank you for making up any missed weekly offertory.** We urge all parishioners to please make the switch to Automatic Giving or WeShare. Please visit <https://stmarysholliston.com/how-to-give/>.

**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!* **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. Pop, Rock, Country or Oldies, they sing it all. Song requests are always encouraged! **Listen to the Adlie & Mike Duo here:**

<https://vimeo.com/910168437>. Come meet your neighbors! 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 at the R. E. Office starting June 3. There are no tickets at the door.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>May 25</b>
5:00	John Cocchiarella
7:30	Nancy Mercurio, 18 <sup>th</sup> Anv.
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 26</b>
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Oswaldo and Giancarlo Bomba
11:30	George J. Bourque, 13 <sup>th</sup> Anv.
<b>Monday</b>	<b>May 27</b>
9:00	Our Nation's Veterans
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>May 28</b>
9:00	Jay Hayes, IV
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>May 29</b>
9:00	Frances Adams
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>May 30</b>
9:00	John Walker
<b>Friday</b>	<b>May 31</b>
9:00	Michael Eden
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>June 1</b>
5:00	Lucy Simonetti, 10 <sup>th</sup> Anv.
7:30	Gregory Phelan, 6 <sup>th</sup> Anv.
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>June 2</b>
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Paul Mansfield
11:30	Eduard, Anna & Frances DiCenso

**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.

**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.

**THE ROSE FOR LIFE:** Is sponsored this week by Liz Theiler in memory of George Bourque. Please join her in prayer for an unborn child.

**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!



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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

This weekend we honor the men and women who have laid down their lives in defense of our nation's freedom; as well as those now serving in our military. No matter our feelings about any particular military conflict, we can all agree that we owe a debt of gratitude to those who put the preservation of these United States before their own safety. As Jesus Himself said, *"There is no greater love than this, to lay down one's life for a friend."*

We therefore invoke this Memorial Day God's blessings on all our nation's veterans. For those who have died, we ask God's mercy and peace. For those present among us, we ask His strength and constant support. For those servicemen and women currently under arms, we ask His strong protection. May God protect them even as they protect us. And may their efforts lead to a lasting, and just peace in the world.

One God, existing as three distinct persons, sharing the same divine nature. This is the great mystery celebrated by today's Feast of the Holy Trinity, a truth revealed in Sacred Scripture but impossible for the mind to fully comprehend. Over the centuries, many illustrations have been offered for the Holy Trinity – an equilateral triangle, the shamrock, three musical notes making a single chord of sound, just to name a few.

Ultimately, all examples fall short. But while we may never fully grasp the mystery of the Trinity, there is one very important truth that it reveals. Our God, even in His inmost being, is a God of relationships. What are Father and Son if not titles that speak to us of relationship, the Holy Spirit in all love flowing from them both? And if our God is first and foremost a God who relates, even within Himself, then it should not surprise us that in order to draw close to Him, we also must enter into relationships. Truly this is the most basic premise of the Church, the belief that we can draw closer to God as a community of faith than we could ever do as isolated individuals. The Church, a body of believers entering into relationships of mutual love, faith, and support is in one sense an image of the Trinity.

The fact that relationships are key in drawing close to God was clearly expressed in Jesus' answer to the question, "What is the greatest commandment?" Jesus said, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like unto it: Love your neighbor as yourself." Jesus is asked to name one commandment, but He answers with two commandments that are inseparable – love God and love your neighbor. The first is not possible without the second, as the Triune God is relational. Whenever therefore we seek to build community, to extend ourselves selflessly to each other in love, we are acting in a Trinitarian manner.

God bless you!

Rev. Mark J. Coiro



## FOR OUR YOUTH!

### MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP:

**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

**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:**

Mission Departure Flight.

**Saturday, July 27:**

Mission Return Flight.

**Sunday, July 28:**

Welcome Home Mission Mass, 11:30 AM.





## WHY WE CELEBRATE MEMORIAL DAY:

*What we remember - and honor - on Memorial Day is heroic sacrifice. We acknowledge those who nobly gave of themselves, even unto death, for a purpose they believed was greater than themselves. Since the days just following the end of the Civil War, Americans have gathered in late May to honor those who died in military service to their country. In the spirit of the day, we can also recall, honor, and pray for all those we know who have lived lives of service and sacrifice for the good of others.*

*One definition of sacrifice is “the destruction or surrender of something for the sake of something else.” Though suffering is always a part of sacrifice to some extent, seeking suffering for its own sake is not sacrifice. Sacrifice implies giving up one good for a higher good. For example, a child gives up a day of play to visit an ailing grandparent, or a parent sacrifices watching a favorite television program to help a child who is struggling with homework. Life in the family is full of opportunities for service and sacrifice.*

*What counts in this definition is the phrase “for the sake of something else.” Is that “something else” worthy of the sacrifice we make? True sacrifice is always at the service of life. We learn this from Jesus, who made the ultimate sacrifice and remained faithful through his Passion, death, and Resurrection. Jesus’ greater purpose for this sacrifice was our well-being - that we might have life and have it abundantly.*

*This Memorial Day, as we remember all who have served and sacrificed on our behalf, let us not forget what Jesus was willing to give up for us - and the lessons we can learn from that perfect example of sacrifice. - Tom McGrath*

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 16<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CHARITY RAFFLE:** 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. 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 missed last 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.



**ST. MARY’S HOMEBOUND MINISTRY:** St. Mary’s is in urgent 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. Please contact Mary Beth at 508-429-4427 or email [st.marys1870@gmail.com](mailto:st.marys1870@gmail.com) if you can help. Thank you!

**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, June 3, 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!

**ST. MARY’S MOM’S PRAYER GROUP:** Please join us this Tuesday, May 28 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.

# Vacation Bible School

# SCUBA

diving into friendship with God

## 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 to the first 100 kids. 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>.

## THIS WEDNESDAY - **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>.

**CLOW - CHILDREN K-6: CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**, today, Sunday, May 26, Holy Trinity Sunday, 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 FOR 2024-2025:** 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!

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

**GRADE 5 COORDINATOR IS NEEDED:** A Grade Coordinator will be needed for the 2024 fall program. The Grade 5 curriculum covers the seven Sacraments. Please call 508-429-6076 or email Fran at [st.marysre@gmail.com](mailto:st.marysre@gmail.com) if you can inspire and lead our volunteer teachers to become ambassadors for Christ.

*Please note that R.E. Coordinators are responsible for guiding and assisting both teachers and students in growing in their relationship with Christ and His Church. Since this is done best by example, all parish coordinators are required to be regularly practicing members of the St. Mary's Worshipping Community.*



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

### PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN WORKSHOP:

If you are new to St. Mary's Parish we welcome you to participate in many of our volunteer ministries. Please contact our office so that you can complete a CORI form and a Protecting God's Children (PGC) workshop. Contact [st.marysre1870@gmail.com](mailto:st.marysre1870@gmail.com).



**St. Thomas Aquinas:** *"The Father loves not only the Son but also himself and us, by the Holy Ghost."*

**St. Ambrose:** *"Rise, you who were lying fast asleep ... Rise and hurry to the Church: Here is the Father, here is the Son, here is the Holy Spirit."*

**St. John Paul II:** *"A great mystery, a mystery of love, an ineffable mystery, before which words must give way to the silence of wonder and worship. A divine mystery that challenges and involves us, because a share in the Trinitarian life was given to us through grace, through the redemptive Incarnation of the Word and the gift of the Holy Spirit."*

**St. Faustina:** *"When One of the Three Persons communicates with a soul, by the power of that one will, it finds itself united with the Three Persons and is inundated in the happiness flowing from the Most Holy Trinity, the same happiness that nourishes the saints. This same happiness that streams from the Most Holy Trinity makes all creation happy; from it springs that life which vivifies and bestows all life which takes its beginning from him."*

**St. Francis de Sales** (from a consecration prayer to the Trinity): *"I vow and consecrate to God all that is in me: My memory and my actions to God the Father; My understanding and my words to God the Son; My will and my thoughts to God the Holy Spirit."*