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to register
for Fall 2024
**RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION.**

Registration deadline
is Monday, August 19.



ONLINE REGISTRATION for Fall 2024
Religious Education starts
TOMORROW, Monday, July 1.
Just visit <https://stmarysholliston.com/>.



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.”

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
 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

PARISH OFFERTORY LAST WEEKEND:

Automatic Giving:	\$ 2,493.50
WeShare:	\$ 5,212.23
Offertory Envelopes:	\$ 6,169.00
Total Offertory:	\$ 13,874.73
Weekly Need:	\$ 15,000.00
Budget Shortfall:	\$ 1,125.27

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/>.

RECTORY OFFICE SUMMER HOURS: Please note that during the summer months of June, July, and August the Rectory Office is closed on Mondays and Tuesdays. On other weekdays it remains open the usual 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM hours. Mass Cards may also be obtained at the Religious Education Office. Have a safe and faith filled summer!

THE ROSE FOR LIFE: The rose is sponsored this week by the Kevin Reilly Family. Please join them in prayer for an unborn child. Sponsor a rose by emailing st.marys1870@gmail.com.

PANTRY SHELF SUMMER HELP: Food items needed at the Pantry: pasta, spaghetti, tomato paste, canned peaches (15 oz), Ramen Noodles - Beef and Chicken, Beefaroni, pasta sauce, canned corn. Donations may be dropped off in the tan bin by the main parking lot entrance here at St. Mary's.

TRAVELING? Check out www.masstimes.org to find out the name, location and Mass schedule of the nearest Catholic Church anywhere in America. God never takes a vacation from us; let us make time on vacation for God.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday	June 29
5:00	Vincent Mullen
7:30	People of St. Mary's
Sunday	June 30
7:30	Kay McGilvray, 2 nd Anv.
9:30	Lawrence and Phyllis Pfeiffer
11:30	Raffaele, Iolanda and Rosa DiCenso
Monday	July 1
9:00	Melvin Larsen
Tuesday	July 2
9:00	Kay McGilvray, 2 nd Anv.
Wednesday	July 3
9:00	Agnes Kovacs
Thursday	July 4
9:00	Unity and Peace for Our Nation
Friday	July 5
9:00	Fr. Issa & the People of our Sister Parish, Our Lady of Fatima, Beit Sahour
11:00	Funeral - Cheryl Griffin
Saturday	July 6
5:00	David Thomas Bushee, 2 nd Anv.
7:30	Mary and Jeanne Miley
Sunday	July 7
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Salvino, Luisa and Angela DiCenso
11:30	Joseph Waugh

A PRAYER FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY:

God, source of all freedom,
 this day is bright with the memory
 of those who declared that life and liberty
 are your gift to every human being.
 Help us to continue a good work begun long ago.
 Make our vision clear and our will strong:
 that only in human solidarity will we find liberty,
 and justice only
 in the honor
 that belongs
 to every life on
 earth.
 Turn our hearts
 toward the
 family of
 nations:
 to understand
 the ways of
 others,
 to offer friendship,
 and to find safety only in the common good of all.
 We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.





FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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

As we celebrate this week the birth of our nation, I invite us all to pray for our country's leaders. May God guide, inspire and empower them to serve His people well. Our nation was founded by men and women of faith fleeing other lands where they were forced to live in ways contrary to their moral convictions. For that reason, religious freedom is part of the very foundation of our United States, a precious right which every generation must cherish and protect.

Religious freedom is never about forcing people to live according to another's faith, but rather making sure that government never forces people of faith to compromise their beliefs in the way they live, work, or worship. Many would like to see religion locked up in church on Sunday and kept as a strictly private matter, when in fact true faith becomes part of every aspect of one's life. It is the light which guides us, and the ruler against which we measure every choice that life presents.

In the words of George Washington, *"Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, Religion and morality are indispensable supports. In vain would that man claim the tribute of Patriotism who should labour to subvert these great Pillars of human happiness, these firmest buttresses of the duties of Men and citizens."*

God bless you.

And Happy Independence Day everyone!

Rev. Mark J. Coiro

P.S. This year for the very first time, registration and payment for St. Mary's Religious Education is all available online. Many parents had requested this convenience, and it was made possible by the hard work of Sue Cote, Nick Calapa, Fran Crespi, Jennifer Burgett, and Mary Beth Harris. I thank them all for the many hours they labored to make this upgrade possible.

NEW ONLINE REGISTRATION

NEW ONLINE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STARTS **TOMORROW** - MONDAY, JULY 1:

As of that date, you will be able to register *and* pay the fee for your young person's 2024 – 2025 Religious Education ALL ONLINE. Just visit <https://stmarysholliston.com/> and click the banner you will see on the homepage (shown on today's bulletin cover). It all goes live on July 1. The final deadline for class registration is Monday, August 19.

LOW-GLUTEN HOST PROCEDURE CHANGE:

Starting next weekend, it will no longer be necessary for those receiving low gluten hosts due to celiac disease to bring one in a pyx to Mass. The low-gluten hosts will be available at every Mass at one Communion station – at the right side of the main nave aisle as you face the altar. Simply say low gluten, and the clergy or minister will give you one instead. It is important that those needing a low-gluten host be sure to receive at the correct station, as they will only be available there. Thank you.



CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS: St. Mary's will be offering a Confirmation preparation program for adults who have not yet received this holy sacrament. The program is open to Catholic adults (aged 18 and up) who have already received the sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist. Meetings will be held weekly beginning in the early autumn leading to the sacrament in the spring. To learn more about the program or to register, please call Deacon Dowding at 508-429-3961.



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 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!

ST. MARY'S MOM'S PRAYER GROUP: Every week we pray together, read reflections according to the liturgical season, and share prayer intentions. During the school year, children of all ages are welcome and there are a few toys and coloring activities available. Please contact Meghan Krenselewski at 978-421-5795 for an updated Summer Schedule.

THANK YOU, KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS! Many thanks to St. Mary's Knights and their Ladies for all their hard work hosting last weekend's Parish Family BBQ! It was a tremendous evening with over 150 in attendance. A special thank you to Linda and Devin Scruton for the saddles and toy riding horses!



FOR OUR YOUTH!

TEENS GATHER IN FAITH High School Youth Group

Saturday, July 20, 5 PM:

Mission Mass Blessing and Commissioning.

Sunday, July 21: Mission Trip Departure Flight.

Saturday, July 27: Mission Trip Return Flight.

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



MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP:

Tuesday, July 30: Brownstone Quarry Park Adventure, CT.

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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: “SCUBA,” our 17th Annual Vacation Bible School will take place July 22 - 26, from 9:00 AM to Noon. We have reached our capacity of 100 kids! To get on the waiting list, call 508-429-6076 or email st.marysre1870@gmail.com. Get ready to DIVE DEEP into friendship with Jesus!



17th ANNUAL ALTAR SERVER APPRECIATION TRIP TO SIX FLAGS NEW ENGLAND:

This year's trip is Friday, August 9. You will receive both an email and a postal mail packet with the Permission Form this coming week. Return the Permission Form plus a check for \$40 made out to “St. Mary’s Parish” to the Rectory at 8 Church Street **by Sunday, July 14**. The \$40 will be returned to you as cash for meals, etc. the day of the trip. The trip itself is our gift to you! Departure is at 8:15 AM from the Parish Center and return will be at 8-8:30 PM. Thank you for your faithful Ministry!

CLOW – CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD HAS ENDED FOR THE SUMMER AND WILL RESUME IN MID SEPTEMBER: As you part for the summer please continue to bring your children to Mass each week and pray together at home. God never takes a vacation for He constantly works with love to transform our hearts.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION FOR 2024-2025 OPENS ONLINE TOMORROW, JULY 1: Families are asked to register their children for religious education online simply by going to <https://stmarysholliston.com/>. The process is simple and friendly with online payment using WeShare. A credit card or an electronic transfer will be accepted. Check or cash payments will be accepted only through the Religious Education Office. Before you leave for your summer vacations, kindly complete our online registration process now to ensure that class sessions meet your family’s needs. **The deadline for registration is August 19.**

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.

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 if you can inspire and lead our volunteer teachers to become ambassadors for Christ.

NEWCOMERS TO PRE-K, KINDERGARTEN AND GRADE 1: If you are a new or now a registered family to St. Mary’s Parish and have young children entering these grades you are welcome to register your children for Religious Education. Please note that children must complete Grade 1 before entering our Grade 2 program. On JULY 1 go to our website at <https://stmarysholliston.com/> and **register your children.**

SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA PRAYER:

Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, and all my will, all that I have and possess. You have given it to me: to you, Lord, I return it; all is yours: dispose of it entirely as you will. Give me your love and grace, for that is enough for me.



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.

TITHING OUR TIME, GIFTS AND TALENTS FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD: Please pray as to how you can help St. Mary’s Parish Religious Education Program become more vibrant and joyful for our young children and teens. Our program depends on volunteers to help the many families live out their faith actively. We are called by Christ to bring about His Kingdom and spread the Good News. Come and join the many volunteers who build up the community of faith by tithing your time and talents to serve Christ and His family.

CLASSES BEGIN THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 1, 2024

GRADES	SESSIONS DAYS AND TIMES	TEACHER OPPORTUNITIES
PRE-K & Kind.	Sun., 9:15 to 10:30 AM Sun., 9:15 to 10:30 AM	3 Teens 4 Teens, 4 Adults
GR-1	Sun., 8:10 to 9:20 AM	8 Adults
GR-2	Sun., 8:10 to 9:20 AM	8 Adults
GR-2	Sun., 10:45 AM to 12:00 PM	6 Adults
GR-3	Sun., 7:55 AM to 12:15 PM	3 Adults
GR-3	Sun., 10:45 AM to 12:15 PM	3 Adults
GR-4	Sun., 10:45 AM to 12:15 PM	3 Adults
GR-5	Sun., 10:45 AM to 12:15 PM	3 Adults
GR-6	Sun., 4:00 to 5:30 PM	3 Adults
GR-7	Mon., 7:00 to 8:30 PM Conf. 1 New Program)	5 Adults
GR-3,4,5 & 6	Tues., 4:00-5:30 PM (same day as below)	2 Adults each GR.
GR-6	Tues., 5:00 to 6:30 PM	3 Adults
GR-8 GR-9	Tues., 7:00 to 8:30 PM Conf. 1 Current Program	4 Adults each GR.
GR-10	Tues., 7:00 to 8:30 PM Conf. 2 Current Program	5 Adults
GR-2	Wed., 4:15 to 5:30 PM (same day as below)	6 Adults, two for each class
GR-3,4,5	Wed., 4:00 to 5:30 PM	2 Adults each GR.
GR-7	Wed., 7:00 to 8:30 PM Conf. 1 New Program	5 Adults
GR-4	Thur., 4:00 to 5:30 PM	2 Adults
GR-5	Thur., 4:00 to 5:30 PM	2 Adults
GR-8 GR-9	Thur., 7:00 to 8:30 PM Conf. 1 Current Program	4 Adults each GR.
GR-10	Conf. 2 Current Program	5 Adults

NOTE: All classes above meet on alternate weeks except for Pre-K, Kindergarten, and Grade 1. Grades 2 through 5 meet for 14 class sessions and Grades 7 through 10 meet for 12 class sessions.