



**JESUS SUMMONED
THE TWELVE AND BEGAN
TO SEND THEM OUT
TWO BY TWO AND GAVE
THEM AUTHORITY OVER
UNCLEAN SPIRITS.**

MARK 6,7



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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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

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!

OFFERTORY LAST WEEKEND:

Automatic Giving:	\$ 6,715.00
WeShare:	\$ 6,177.49
Offertory Envelopes:	\$ 5,731.00
Total Offertory:	\$ 18,623.49

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/>.

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.

THE ROSE FOR LIFE: The rose is sponsored this week by the Butler Family. Please join them in prayer for an unborn child. Sponsor a rose by emailing st.marys1870@gmail.com or contact the Rectory at 508-429-4427.

SAINT QUOTE FOR THE SUMMERTIME:
“Rest is so necessary for the health of our minds and bodies, and often so difficult to achieve due to the many demands placed on us. But rest is also essential for our spiritual health, so that we can hear God’s voice and understand what he asks of us.”

Pope Francis

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday	July 13
5:00	Pauline and Vasco Brovelli
7:30	Fran and Agnes Hickey
Sunday	July 14
7:30	People of St. Mary’s
9:30	Jarlath and Elsie Whalen
11:30	Carmine and Concetta Spadano
Monday	July 15
9:00	Cheryl Griffin
Tuesday	July 16
9:00	Rev. Charles E. Salamone
Wednesday	July 17
9:00	Paul T. Shea
Thursday	July 18
9:00	Marcia Charlson
Friday	July 19
9:00	Franco and Lilla Lanci
Saturday	July 20
5:00	Mission Blessing Mass
7:30	Marie T. Nichols
Sunday	July 21
7:30	People of St. Mary’s
9:30	Rudy De Guzman
11:30	Anne Horgan, 5 th Anv.



IT’S BACK! Holliston! The Farmers Market is back! Every Tuesday from 3 - 7 PM at 24 Water Street from June 18 through October 15. Take a walk on the Rail Trail and pick up a drink and a snack and listen to some music. Fresh produce, prepared foods, food trucks, baked goods, artisanal goods and activities for everyone including a petting zoo, an observational beehive, vintage cars, live music, bubbles, and MORE!! Join your neighbors and create a community.

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, or to the bins outside the Pantry Shelf itself.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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

Today we see Jesus send His disciples forth "two by two," a reminder that none of us is meant to walk alone in our faith. As members of the Church, we walk together through this world - supporting, encouraging, correcting, affirming and loving one another in Christ. Why would any of us belong to the Church if we did not believe we can grow closer in love to Christ together, than we could ever do as isolated individuals? "For where two or more gather in my name, I will be there," says the Lord. In his July 7, 2013 Angelus, Pope Francis offered this insight:

"Jesus is not an isolated missionary, he does not want to carry out his mission alone, but involves his disciples. And today we see that, in addition to the twelve apostles, he calls seventy-two others, and sends them to the villages, two by two, to announce that the Kingdom of God is near. This is very beautiful! Jesus does not want to act alone, he has come to bring the love of God into the world and wants to spread it with the style of communion, with the style of fraternity."

For this reason he immediately forms a community of disciples, which is a missionary community. He immediately trains them to the mission, to go. But be careful: the purpose is not to socialize, to spend time together, no, the purpose is to proclaim the Kingdom of God, and this is urgent! Even today it is urgent! There is no time to waste on talking, you don't have to wait for everyone's consent, you have to go and proclaim. To all we bring the peace of Christ, and if they do not welcome it, we go ahead just the same."

During these summer months, when vacation will bring many of us to new places, let us make a conscious effort to be the presence of Jesus to those we meet. May they see in our patience, courtesy, and concern what it means to be a follower of the Crucified.

God bless you.

Rev. Mark J. Coiro



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



NEW ONLINE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IS NOW OPEN! You are now 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. **NB:** Please pay your tuition online at the same time you register. Online registrations cannot be processed / completed until tuition is paid, so it is best to do it all at once. The final deadline for class registration is Monday, August 19.

SCUBA VBS!

"SCUBA," our 17th Annual Vacation Bible School will take place July 22 - 26, from 9:00 AM to Noon. We have reached our capacity at 100 kids! To get on the waiting list, call 508-429-6076 or email st.marysre1870@gmail.com.

1. VBS CD's and Streaming Cards are now available for pickup at the desk in the Parish Center Lobby (photo right). Get yours today!



2. Volunteers are needed to help set up our AMAZING VBS props and create a true undersea environment. **Please drop in to Fr. Haley Hall THIS Wednesday through Friday (July 17-19), between 9 AM and 3 PM. Thank you!**



Youth Ministry



TEENS GATHER IN FAITH (High School Youth Group):

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

Sunday, July 21: Mission Trip Departure Flight. Boston to New Orleans Jet Blue Flight #401, Depart: 6:32 AM, Arrive: 9:02 AM.

Saturday, July 27: Mission Trip Return Flight. New Orleans to Boston Jet Blue Flight #400, Depart: 9:47 AM, Arrive: 2:07 PM.

Sunday, July 28: Welcome Home Mission Mass, 11:30 AM, followed by social in Fr. Haley Hall.



MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP:

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

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



17th ANNUAL ALTAR SERVER APPRECIATION TRIP TO SIX

FLAGS NEW ENGLAND: This year's trip is Friday, August 9. You should have received both an email and a postal mail packet with the Permission Form. Return the Permission Form plus a check for \$40 made out to "St. Mary's Parish" to the Rectory at 8 Church Street by TODAY - Sunday, July 14. The \$40 will be

returned to you as cash for meals, etc. the day of the trip. The Park Admission and Transport 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!

ATTENTION BOY SCOUTS: The twelfth point of the Scout Law is "A Scout is Reverent". To that end, the Catholic Church has established a religious education program for Boy Scouts called "Ad Altare Dei" (which means "To the Altar of God"). The program runs for eight months and includes a variety of ways to explore and learn more about the seven sacraments of the Catholic Church. Upon successful completion of the program, scouts earn the Ad Altare Dei medal (given by the Archdiocese of Boston) and the Religious Emblem (given by the Boy Scouts of America). If you are interested or want to learn more, please contact Deacon Ron Dowding through the Rectory at 508-429-4427.





The Music Ministry at St. Mary's Parish involves the work of people of many ages and the music of varied traditions. All our music, though, shares the same purpose – to give glory to God, and to help our people experience Him through the power and beauty of sacred song.

St. Mary's is blessed to have a wonderfully active music program. Our Adult Choir sings for the 11:30 AM Mass every Sunday, September through Corpus Christi Sunday and enriches the liturgy by singing a variety of anthems, from Gregorian chant to spirituals, in three or four parts, aided by the help of professional section leaders. This Choir rehearses on Thursday Evenings and is open to those thirteen years of age and older.

St. Mary's Children and Youth Choirs sing at the 9:30 AM Mass every two weeks, providing a wonderful experience for children and youth wanting to learn how to sing and grow in their faith. These choirs rehearse on Wednesday afternoons.

Whether you are an experienced musician, or totally new to music, there is a place for you in St. Mary's Music Ministry! If you might be interested in our Adult or Children's Choirs, contact Abbey Kelley – Lanser at musicatstmarysholliston@gmail.com. Welcome!

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.

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 our Summer Schedule.

RCIA stands for Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. It is the Catholic Church's way of initiating new members. RCIA is much more than a study program. It is a learning and loving process in which conversion of the heart brings one to Jesus Christ. RCIA begins in September and concludes around the feast of Pentecost (usually mid-May). For further information, please feel free to contact Deacon Ron Dowding through the Rectory office at 508-429-4427.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE UNBAPTIZED OR NOT FULLY INITIATED INTO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH
RCIA is an opportunity:

- For those who have not been baptized.
- For those who have been baptized but want to receive the sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation.
- For anyone who wants to learn and ask questions about the Catholic Faith.

Through weekly meetings, those attending will gain a deeper appreciation and understanding of the Catholic beliefs and practices. All are welcome. Our classes will begin in September.

CATHOLIC LAITY

Sometimes, those of us who have been Catholic our whole lives forget to suggest RCIA to others who may be interested in becoming Catholic. However, extending an invitation to spouses, relatives, friends, and neighbors, in a gentle way, might be just the opportunity that they are waiting for. Feel free to reach out to them or reach out to Deacon Ron Dowding through the Rectory office for help. Some people may be ready, but unsure how to make an inquiry. Feel free to invite:

- Those who may be searching.
- Those who have never been baptized as Christians.
- Those who have been baptized in another Christian faith tradition and are now interested in the Catholic Faith.
- Those who were baptized in the Catholic Faith but did not receive First Communion, and/or Confirmation.
- Those Catholics who have been away from the faith and are now looking to return into communion with the Church.

WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS: *“To convert somebody, go and take them by the hand and guide them.”*

- St. Thomas Aquinas.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION FOR 2024-2025 IS NOW OPEN ONLINE: Families are asked to register their children for Religious Education online by going to <https://stmarysholliston.com/>. The process is simple and friendly with online payment using WeShare. Register now to ensure that your choice for classes meet your family’s needs. **Registration deadline is August 19.**

**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 12:15PM	3 Adults
GR-4	Sun., 10:45 AM to 12:15PM	3 Adults
GR-5	Sun., 10:45 AM to 12:15PM	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 to 5:30 PM (all grades on the same day)	2 Adults each GR.
GR-6	Tues., 5:00 to 6:30 PM (same day as above)	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-3,4,5	Thur., 4:00 to 5:30 PM	2 Adults each GR.
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.

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 Protecting God’s Children (PGC) workshop. Contact us at st.marvsre1870@gmail.com.

CORI VOLUNTEER RENEWAL ALERT: If you are an active volunteer (18+ years) or planning to volunteer in any ministry, we must have a completed **2024 CORI** form on file. Volunteer renewals may submit a completed/signed CORI form along with your license to st.marvsre1870@gmail.com for processing. New volunteers must have information verified in person by any staff member. *Please note: If a FY2024 form has already been submitted, we do not need another.*

NEWCOMERS TO PRE-K, KINDERGARTEN

AND GRADE 1: If you 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. Go to our website at <https://stmarysholliston.com/> and **register your children.**

LAPSED YEARS OF 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.

TITHING OUR GIFTS, TALENTS AND TIME FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD:

Our wonderful faith formation program depends on volunteers like you to teach our children and youth to live out their faith actively. Christ calls us to spread the Good News so that the Truth of God’s Word and will is propagated to our families and to the hearts of the people of the world.

GRADE 5 COORDINATOR IS NEEDED: A Grade Coordinator is needed for the 2024 fall program. Grade 5 focuses on the Seven Sacraments. Please call 508-429-6076 or email Fran at st.marvsdre@gmail.com if you can inspire and lead our volunteer teachers.

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 coordinators are required to be regularly practicing members of the St. Mary’s Worshipping Community.