



St. Mary's Parish



Our Mission:

"To know Christ and to make Him known."

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.

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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:	\$ 2,761.00
WeShare:	\$ 3,415.97
Offertory Envelopes:	\$ 9,376.00
Total Offertory:	\$ 15,552.97

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/>.

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 or call 508-429-4427.

CATHOLIC QUOTE FOR THE SUMMERTIME:

"Vacation time offers the unique opportunity to pause before the thought-provoking spectacles of nature, a wonderful 'book' within reach of everyone, adults and children. In contact with nature, a person rediscovers his correct dimension, rediscovers himself as a creature, small but at the same time unique, with a 'capacity for God' because interiorly he is open to the Infinite." - Pope Benedict XVI

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	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.
Monday	July 22
9:00	Elizabeth Carano
Tuesday	July 23
9:00	Cheryl Griffin
Wednesday	July 24
9:00	Timothy Finn
Thursday	July 25
9:00	Phil Caruso
Friday	July 26
9:00	Franco and Costantine DiCenso
Saturday	July 27
5:00	Reynaldo De Guzman, 4 th Anv.
7:30	Charlie Coles
Sunday	July 28
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	VBS Closing Mass
11:30	Gerald Roy, 7 th Anv.



THIS FRIDAY, JULY 26, IS THE FEAST OF SAINTS JOACHIM AND ANNE, PARENTS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:

The strong character of Mary in making decisions, her continuous practice of prayer, her devotion to the laws of her faith, her steadiness at moments of crisis, and her devotion to her relatives - all indicate a close-knit, loving

family that looked forward to the next generation even while retaining the best of the past. This was the great gift that her mother and father gave her.

Joachim and Anne are the patron saints of grandparents, and they remind grandparents of their responsibility to establish a tone for generations to come. They must make the traditions live and offer them as a promise to little children. But the feast has a message for the younger generation as well. It reminds the young that older people's greater perspective, depth of experience, and appreciation of life's profound rhythms are all part of a wisdom not to be taken lightly or ignored. Why not reach out to and pray for your grandparents (or grandchildren) on this day? Saints Joachim and Anne pray for us!



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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

Thank you to all who are volunteering for our "SCUBA" Vacation Bible School this next week, especially our fearless leaders Melissa Cataldo and Kristin Roberto. In the coming days our young people and their leaders will use prayer, scripture, craft, drama, games, dance and song to discover how diving deeper into friendship with Jesus brings the greatest of all joy and blessing.

Today Jesus looks out at a great crowd that has gathered in a deserted place and He has pity on them for *"they are as sheep without a shepherd."* A shepherd protects his flock and feeds them. Today Jesus feeds the people by teaching them "many things," and next Sunday we will see Him feed them by the great miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes.

Just so in the Holy Mass, Jesus nourishes us with both His teaching in the Scriptures and by the Living Bread He provides in the Holy Eucharist. Then we in turn go forth to minister in His Name.

That is what eighty-three St. Mary's teens and adults will do in the coming days, as they depart for a week of Mission work among the people of Mississippi. Each morning will begin with Mass. Then, sustained by the Eucharist and guided by the Scriptures, they will set forth to clean out and repair homes, care for the elderly and children, and do all they can to assist those in greatest need. Let us all keep them in prayer every day this week for a physically safe and spiritually fruitful journey.

God bless you!

Rev. Mark J. Coiro



"Jesus tested the crowd's faith, and having done so he gave it a fitting reward. He sought out a lonely place to see if they would take the trouble to follow him."

For their part, they showed how concerned they were for their salvation by the effort they made in going along the deserted road not on donkeys or in carts of various kinds, but on foot.

In return Jesus welcomed those weary, ignorant, sick, and hungry people, instructing, healing, and feeding them as a kindly savior and physician, and so letting them know how pleased he is by believers' devotion to him."

- Saint Bede

A DAILY PRAYER FOR OUR MISSION TEENS



Heavenly Father, as our St. Mary's Teens and their Adult Leaders spend this day on Mission in Mississippi, I commend them to your care.

Guide their steps with Your mighty arm and protect them body and soul.

With the power of Your grace strengthen them, so that they will not falter through weariness.

Fill them with the Holy Spirit and enable them to complete their tasks faithfully and joyfully.

Help them to be Christ to those whom they serve, and to recognize His Presence in others.

May they grow this day in love of God and neighbor.

And when the week is done, bring them safely home.

Through Christ Our Lord.

Amen.

REGISTER TODAY FOR 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.

PRE-K PROGRAM: Did you know that St. Mary's has a wonderful PRE-K Program? The children are guided on Sunday mornings by Kristin Roberto, who will open the hearts and minds of the children with stories about God's love for them and hands on activities.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION FOR 2024-2025 IS NOW OPEN ONLINE: Families are to register their children for Religious Education online by going to <https://stmarysholliston.com/>. The process is simple with online payment using WeShare. Please 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 12:15 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 to 5:30 PM (all grades on the same day)	2 Adults each Grade
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.

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.**

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.marysre1870@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 CORI renewal forms must be signed and completed with your license for processing to st.marysre1870@gmail.com. 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.*

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.marysre1870@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.marysre1870@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.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP:**

Tuesday, July 30: Brownstone Quarry Park Adventure, CT. Be sure you have completed the online legal waiver you were emailed!

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

**TEENS GATHER IN FAITH (High School Youth Group):**

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

Sunday, July 21 – Saturday, July 27: Mission Trip to Mississippi.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this experience possible!

Please pray for our Mission teens and adults every day!



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

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.



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

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! Photo Left – Saint Mary’s Awesome Altar Servers at 6 Flags!

JULY 21 ~ SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Today's gospel picks up in the "next episode" from last weeks with the disciples coming back to report to Jesus about all they had done in his name. Jesus takes them away from the crowd to rest and to share about their experiences. He is showing them the importance of having a rhythm to their lives – a balance between work and activity. Coming into the presence of God is where the psalmist says, we find rest, are safe, our souls are refreshed, and we get recharged with spiritual energy to resume our activities. How will we shoulder life's burdens if we have no relationship with him who is the Lord of all good life? How can we do God's work unless in God's strength? The answer is clear! It is by taking time in quietness in the presence of God and being nourished at the table of the Lord that we are able to go forth to love and serve Him.

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.

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.



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.

FOR 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.