



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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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 the Rectory Office is closed on Mondays and Tuesdays. On other weekdays it remains open from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Mass Cards may also be obtained at the R.E. Office. Have a faith filled summer!

OFFERTORY LAST WEEKEND:

Automatic Giving:	\$ 8,495.00
WeShare:	\$ 3,759.14
Offertory Envelopes:	\$ 4,824.00
Total Offertory:	\$ 17,078.14

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 Mitchell Family. Please join them in prayer for an unborn child. To sponsor the rose for 2025 call the Rectory at 508-429-4427.



NEWSLETTER COLLATING: Please join us tomorrow, Monday, August 7 from 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM in Fr. Haley Hall to assist in our collating of the Summer Newsletter. Postal rule changes have created more work for us, so we could really use more volunteers. All are welcome!

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	August 3
5:00	Milagros Diaz, 16 th Anv.
7:30	Bill and Martha Kreinsen
Sunday	August 4
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Richard Chase, 31 st Anv.
11:30	Ann Murphy
Monday	August 5
9:00	Funeral ~ Michael Mansfield
Tuesday	August 6
9:00	Rev. Albert J. Sallese
Wednesday	August 7
9:00	Marybeth Harmon
Thursday	August 8
9:00	Joshua Motta
Friday	August 9
9:00	Marcia Seymour, 14 th Anv.
Saturday	August 10
5:00	Gabriel Parmese
7:30	Ricardo Lachica
Sunday	August 11
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Barbara Brown
11:30	Adrienne Beattie, 3 rd Anv.



DAY AT THE LAKE: Holliston Newcomers & Neighbors is excited to host an awesome DAY AT THE LAKE in honor of Holliston's 300th

Anniversary on Saturday, August 10th from 10 AM - 2 PM at Stoddard Park, 880 Stoddard Park Road, Holliston. Nothing says summer like a day at Lake Winthrop. A day to enjoy the natural beauty of the lake with our friends and neighbors. This is a FREE event with live music, food trucks, raffles, children's activities and more. Parking will be available at both Stoddard and Patoma Parks. Mark your calendars so you don't miss this great celebration. We hope to see you there! Holliston Newcomers and Neighbors is a not-for-profit organization that coordinates charitable, civic and recreational events and activities. For more information about HNN, visit our website at www.hollistonnewcomers.org.

CATHOLIC QUOTE FOR THE SUMMERTIME:

"Through the recreation and leisure made possible by travel, people are restored and renewed, body and spirit. They return home to family and work with a new perspective and enthusiasm for life."

- Pope St John Paul II



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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

When confronted by the hunger and grumbling of the Israelites, God sends them the gift of manna. This heavenly bread comes to them through the morning dew. We read in today's Mass:

"In the morning a dew lay all about the camp, and when the dew evaporated, there on the surface of the desert were fine flakes like hoarfrost on the ground. On seeing it, the Israelites asked one another, 'What is this?' for they did not know what it was. But Moses told them, 'This is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.'"

In the Second Eucharistic Prayer (which I use more often than not), one of the lines in the Missal reads:

"Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray, by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall, so that they may become for us the Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ."

By using the phrase "like the dewfall," the new translation invokes the events of Exodus, where through the dewfall God provided bread to the Israelites, even as at Mass He provides the Eucharistic Bread to His people. The manna in the desert fed the Israelites' stomachs. But in today's Gospel, Jesus challenges the people to "not work for food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life." He then identifies Himself as the Bread of Life.

Each week then, when we hear the phrase "like the dewfall," we are being invited to remember the ways that in the past God has supported us by sending graces and blessings into our lives. For truly every good thing has its source in Him. We should also consider our priorities – whether we are placing more value on earthly, material things that will fade – or on spiritual goods that endure unto eternal life.

In the end we can only take with us from this world the love we have shown to others; our goodness, our kindness, our generosity, our willingness to forgive. Like dew when the warming sun rises, all earthly illusion will evaporate before the light of God's face. Only that which is real and holy, that which is of Christ, will then remain.

In His Service and Yours,

AUGUST 19 IS COMING ~ DON'T MISS OUT!

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.**



TEACHERS AND MONITORS ARE NEEDED FOR 2024-2025: Please prayerfully consider teaching a Religious Education class or volunteering as a Monitor. Teachers will be needed for Grades K through 10. Just click the Religious Education Banner here to volunteer: <https://stmarysholliston.com/> (scroll down to lower right). God bless you for helping us share the precious gift of faith with our children and youth!





MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP: Our next trip is Whitewater Rafting the Deerfield River on Friday, August 16. The **Fall MSYG Kick Off Event** is Sunday, October 6, from 6:30 - 8 PM in Fr. Haley Hall. MSYG is open to ALL 6th, 7th & 8th Graders - not just Catholics and not just from St. Mary's. Join us for a new year of Faith, Friendship, Service and Fun. Adventure awaits!

TEENS GATHER IN FAITH (High School Youth Group): TGIF Mission teens will be witnessing their summer experience in Mississippi at all St. Mary's Masses on September 14 and 15!

Photo Below – the daily Mission Trip Prayer Circle.



Save the date now for the Fall TGIF Kick Off, Sunday, September 22 from 7 - 8:45 PM in Fr. Haley Hall. Open to all, Grades 9 - 12.

17th ANNUAL ALTAR SERVER APPRECIATION TRIP TO SIX FLAGS NEW ENGLAND: Our trip is this Friday, August 9. 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). For information, please contact Deacon Ron Dowding through the Rectory at 508-429-4427.

AUGUST 4 ~ EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: The Israelites in today's first reading grumble about their situation. Our reaction might be that for God to give them exactly what they were grumbling about is undeserving. And yet, God responds to them out of his love, grace and generosity. In the Gospel, the crowds pursue Jesus wanting more, because he had satisfied their physical hunger with an unexpected and lavish meal. The desire of God and of Jesus in both readings was to satisfy the hunger of the people, not just for food but for truth, for life and for love. Just as God sent manna to feed the Israelites, he sent His Son Jesus to save us and feed us always. This week make a specific effort to avoid grumbling and complaining and instead, take some time to savor Jesus' words "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst." Take and eat. . . let Jesus satisfy your hunger and sustain you.

MEMORY CAFE - MONDAY, AUGUST 12: Join us for a FREE event with the hopes that someone you know who is touched by memory loss might find this opportunity enjoyable. The Memory Cafe (Holliston High School Service Learning Project by Maxx Liebermann and the Senior Center) is a welcoming space where people experiencing cognitive challenges and their care partners and family members can socialize, connect, and build support networks. Duane Sullivan will be performing soft, acoustic guitar music and snacks will be provided by the Holliston Superette. Please RSVP at 508-429-0622.



SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY INTO HEAVEN ~ A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: Wednesday, August 14, Vigil Mass at 6:30 PM, Thursday, August 15, 9:00 AM Feast Day Mass and 7:00 PM Feast Day Mass.

This great feast commemorates the passing of Mary, body and soul, into the presence of God in heaven upon the completion of her earthly life. Death is the fruit of sin, and since Mary was sinless death had no hold over her. By her Assumption into heaven, Mary allows us a glimpse of the blessed fate awaiting all those redeemed by her Son, Jesus. Where she has gone, we hope one day to follow.

SOUL FEST CHRISTIAN MUSIC FESTIVAL! August 15-17 at the Franklin County Fairgrounds in Greenfield, MA. Use promo code "BOSTONCATHOLIC" for a 50% discount, good for the first 200 tickets sold for multi-day or Thursday-only tickets. Learn more at: www.thesoulfest.com.

ONE-DAY EMMAUS RETREAT: On Saturday, September 28, 2024, St. Mary's Parish in Franklin will sponsor a one-day retreat (9:30 AM to 6:30 PM) which is presented by the Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents. The organization's website (www.emfp.org), tells us that the Emmaus Ministry "serves the spiritual needs of parents whose children of any age have died by any cause, no matter how long ago." Parents can register for this retreat at <https://bit.ly/2024RegEmmaus>. You can contact Leo Racine, pastoral associate at 508-528-0020 or pastoralassociate@stmarysfranklin.org for more information.

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. It 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. 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). All are welcome. Our classes will begin in September. For further information, please feel free to contact Deacon Ron Dowding through the Rectory office at 508-429-4427.



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 ONLINE: The Deadline for registration is Monday, August 19. Register online now by going to <https://stmarysholliston.com/>. The process is simple with online payment using a credit card or bank fund transfer with WeShare. Payments in cash or check must be made in the Religious Education Office.

VOLUNTEERING! Please go to our website and sign up by clicking the banner that leads you to the registration form at <https://stmarysholliston.com/>. If you have children in the program consider offering your time to teach, be a monitor, or classroom teacher assistant.

CLASSES START SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 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	7 Adults
GR-2	Sun. 8:10 to 9:20 AM	6 Adults
GR-2	Sun. 10:45 AM to 12:00 PM	5 Adults
GR-3	Sun. 7:55 AM to 9:25 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 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-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

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN WORKSHOP:

New parishioners are welcome 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.*

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 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 2 TEACHERS FOR 2024-2025: Grade 2 is a Sacramental year to prepare the children for their First Confession and Holy Communion. Prayerfully consider partnering with another Mom or Dad to teach a class. See the chart to the left for available teaching times. Contact us at 508-429-6076 or at st.marysre1870@gmail.com.

COORDINATORS ARE NEEDED: Grade 3 and 5

Coordinators are needed for the 2024 fall program. Training is provided. Coordinators assist the DRE and support the teachers during the year. Please call 508-429-6076 or email Fran at st.marysre@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 Worshiping Community.