

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.

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!



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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

Twenty years ago, my friend Fr. Brian Mahoney and I went on a mule trip to the bottom of the Grand Canyon. I am not good with heights and it was terrifying to be on the back of a swaying beast with three hundred foot drops to my side. It was also the best vacation I ever had. You never feel so alive as when you feel you could die at any moment! Besides the heights, I also remember the magnificence of the canyon, which I have visited three times since. On the last occasion, Fr. Brian and I finally realized our goal of hiking all the way to the Canyon bottom.



Those who have visited it, will know that the Grand Canyon is peppered with signs warning hikers to eat and drink twice as much as usual in order to maintain health. To the delight of dieters the signs also encouraged you to eat lots of carbs and salty foods for this purpose! The signs made me think of today's reading about Elijah in 1 Kings Chapter 5:

Elijah was afraid and fled for his life, going to Beer-sheba of Judah. He left his servant there and went a day's journey into the desert, until he came to a broom tree and sat beneath it ... He lay down and fell asleep under the broom tree, but then an angel touched him and ordered him to get up and eat. He looked and there at his head was a hearth cake and a jug of water. After he ate and drank, he lay down again, but the angel of the LORD came back a second time, touched him, and ordered, "Get up and eat, else the journey will be too long for you!" He got up, ate and drank; then strengthened by that food, he walked forty days and forty nights to the mountain of God, Horeb.

The Grand Canyon signs were doing for us hikers what the angel did for Elijah - warning us to eat and drink lest the journey be too much for us. And of course Christ gave us the same message, offering Himself as the very Bread of Life so that we will have the spiritual strength to live holy lives and face whatever trials may come. The Grand Canyon signs also specifically warned us that it was important to eat and drink *whether we felt hungry and thirsty or not*. In the same way, we may not always be aware of our soul's hungering for the Holy Eucharist, but the need is still there and the risk of spiritual starvation is very real.

When Jesus gives us His Body and Blood each Sunday in Holy Communion, it's because He knows what we need to stay healthy and alive in His love. The Grand Canyon hiker who eats and drinks whether he feels like it or not, is likelier to remain healthy and have a successful trip. And the Catholic who is faithful to the Sunday Eucharist whether he always feels like it or not, will find his path clearer, his burdens lighter, and His soul full of the grace of God.

God bless you!

Rev. Mark J. Coiro



CAN YOU PICK UP FR. OLUKA?

On Saturday, August 24, Fr. Michael Oluka from the Archdiocese of Tororo, Uganda, will be arriving to preach the annual Mission Appeal Weekend. Every year each parish in the United States is privileged to welcome a missionary priest who shares with us about the important work there, asks for our prayers, and takes up a special collection for the Missions.



Fr. Mark will be away, so we are looking for a parishioner to pick Father up from the airport on Saturday. Father Michael's Southwest Airlines flight arrives at Logan Saturday, August 24 at 9:55 AM, from Chicago. If you can pick him up and drive him here to St. Mary's that morning, please call the rectory at 429-4427. Thank you for helping us offer Fr. Michael good hospitality!

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



**NO CONFESSIONS AT
 ST. MARY'S NEXT
 SATURDAY, AUGUST 17:**
 The Funeral of Alan Denman
 will be celebrated at Noon that
 day. Confession will still be
 available at the Fatima Shrine
 from 3 - 4 PM. God bless you.

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.

OFFERTORY LAST WEEKEND:

Automatic Giving:	\$ 4,462.00
WeShare:	\$ 5,272.99
Offertory Envelopes:	\$ 7,614.00
Total Offertory:	\$ 17,348.99

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 Butler Family. Please join them in prayer
 for an unborn child. To sponsor the rose for a week in
 2025, please call the Rectory at 508-429-4427.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS:

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.
Monday	August 12
9:00	Helena Richardi, 14 th Anv.
Tuesday	August 13
9:00	Holy Souls
Wednesday	August 14
9:00	For Those Who have No One to Pray for Them
6:30	<i>Assumption of Mary</i>
Thursday	August 15
9:00	<i>Assumption of Mary</i>
7:00	<i>Assumption of Mary</i>
Friday	August 16
9:00	Santa Patti, 39 th Anv.
Saturday	August 17
12:00	Alan Denman
5:00	Peter Sandi, 30 th Anv.
7:30	Ronaldo DeGuzman
Sunday	August 18
7:30	Sabatino G. Rasetta
9:30	Karen Shulz
11:30	People of St. Mary's

**SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY
 INTO HEAVEN ~ A HOLY DAY OF**

OBLIGATION: 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.

MISSION APPEAL: As part of the annual Missionary
 Co-Operative Program, Fr. Michael Oluka from the
 Archdiocese of Tororo, Uganda, representing The
 Society for the Propagation of the Faith, will speak at all
 Masses on the weekend of August 24 and 25. The
 Society for the Propagation of the Faith is one of the
 four Pontifical Mission Societies represented here in the
 Archdiocese of Boston. Father Michael will share
 stories of the missions and help us build a spiritual
 connection to others whose daily lives are very different
 from ours.



MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP: Our next trip is Whitewater Rafting the Deerfield River this Friday, August 16. **Here are your FINAL DEERFIELD ITINERARY DETAILS:**

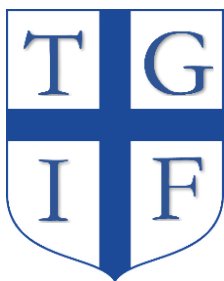
- 7:30 AM Departure by bus from the Parish Center (donuts & juice boxes provided), but suggest a hearty breakfast beforehand also. Be here by 7:15 AM please!
- 2.5 hour drive to Charlemont, MA.
- 10:15 Crabapple Whitewater Orientation, Lifejacket and Helmet fitting, Safety lecture and Paddling instruction. Bus ride to Fife Brook dam.
- Raft 5 miles in Class II whitewater, Zoar Gap Rapid Class III.
- Continue 4 miles in Class II whitewater, take out and ride back to Crab Apple, hearty lunch (included). Slide presentation of trip.
- 2 - 2:30 PM depart CrabApple.
- Return to St. Mary's around 4:30 – 5:00 PM. Return time is affected by weather, amount of water released on the river that day, and traffic. We will call when 20 minutes out.



FINAL DEERFIELD PACKING LIST: Any prescription medications / inhalers / epi-pens, etc. you may need. The chaperones are not allowed to give out medication. Waterproof sun-block and strong insect repellent. A large towel. A swimsuit and dry clothes. (You will be provided a full upper body lifejacket. Most people just use this with their swimsuit, but if you want to wear a shirt for rafting in addition to a swimsuit, the shirt **must** be 100% synthetic i.e. polypropylene, polyester, mesh material, etc. Cotton or cotton blend shirts are not allowed on the river – they hold water and you'd freeze). Girls - wear a 1 piece bathing suit - bikini's will not hold up to waves, being pulled back onto rafts, etc. An empty trash bag for

wet bathing suits, towels, etc. Teva style waterproof sandals or boat shoes or old sneakers. No bare feet rafting. **DRY CLOTHES & FOOTWEAR** for the drive home.

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!

Save the date now for the Fall TGIF Kick Off, Sunday, September 22 from 7 - 8:45 PM in Father Haley Hall!

Open to all teens in Grades 9 - 12.



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.





THE AUGUST 19 DEADLINE TO REGISTER FOR FALL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES IS A WEEK FROM TOMORROW ~ DON'T MISS OUT!

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!

MEMORY CAFE - TOMORROW, 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.

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.

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 Dowding through the Rectory office at 508-429-4427.

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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, August 19, is fast approaching. 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.

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.

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.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 Worshiping Community.

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.

VOLUNTEERING! BE A DISCIPLE FOR CHRIST:

Our children and youth need good faith filled people to help form their conscience and hearts to live out their Baptismal gift of faith. As a community of faith we can be Christ's disciples and teach these young souls to be "Disciples for Christ". Please go to our website and sign up by clicking the banner that leads you to the registration form at <https://stmarysholliston.com/> then click the volunteer box. If you have children in the program consider offering your time to teach with a partner, be a monitor in the lobby, or a classroom assistant. See the chart below for available openings and times.



CLASSES BEGIN 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 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-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

MONITORS ARE VITAL AND NEEDED ~ Consider helping with one 90 minute slot a month. *Thank you.*