

*Taste and see the
goodness of the Lord!*

Ps. 34



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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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

OFFERTORY LAST WEEKEND:

Automatic Giving: \$ 5,084.00
 WeShare: \$ 3,048.58
 Offertory Envelopes: \$ 5,736.00
 Total Offertory: \$ 13,868.58
 Weekly Need: \$ 15,000.00

Shortfall - \$ 1,131.42

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/>.

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 next weekend 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. The Archdiocese of Tororo, found in the Eastern part of Uganda has about 4 million people, of whom a little less than half are Catholics. They have 47 parishes, each of which has 20 mission churches on average, served by 130 priests. Therefore, each priest serves about 10,000 Catholics, and visits each village for Mass and the sacraments every couple of months. In their own words...

As the Church of Christ, our mission is to bring Jesus to people, spiritually through the Word and Sacrament, but also through works of mercy. Like your own priests, our priests celebrate the sacraments, teach, and nourish the spiritual lives of the people in the churches. Together with religious members, they run schools, orphanages, hospitals, provide clean drinking water, support peasant

farmers, and especially the care of girls and women, who are neglected in many communities. When my parishioners pray the Lord’s Prayer and say, “Give us this Day, our daily bread,” they are asking not just for the Body and Blood of Christ, but also that the Lord provide for their daily needs of clean water, food, medicine, education and shelter.

Like most low-income countries, the average income of our parishioners is rather limited, about \$1,000 per family per year, which comes mainly from small-scale farming. Yet despite their meager resources, the people support this work of the Church to the best of their ability. But we have far more needs than local income is able to support. That is why we are extremely grateful that your diocese and parish invite us to make this appeal to you. We are grateful to have you as our brothers and sisters in Christ and in mission. To learn more in advance, visit www.propfaithboston.org.

MASS INTENTIONS:

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	
Monday	August 19	
9:00	Paul T. Shea	
Tuesday	August 20	
9:00	Jacques Alain Ducrepin and Joseph Desape	
Wednesday	August 21	
9:00	Holy Souls	
Thursday	August 22	
9:00	Phil Caruso	
Friday	August 23	
9:00	Gerard and Helen Davenport	
Saturday	August 24	
5:00	Teresita De Guzman	
7:30	Charlie and Rose Dahlgren	
Sunday	August 25	
7:30	People of St. Mary’s	
9:30	Theresa Elliott	
11:30	Phil Caruso	



THE ROSE FOR LIFE: The rose is sponsored this week by the Kevin Reilly Family. Please join them in prayer for an unborn child. To sponsor the rose for a week in 2025, kindly call the Rectory at 508-429-4427, or email st.marys1870@gmail.com.



THE AUGUST 19 DEADLINE TO REGISTER FOR FALL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES IS **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!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SILVER ROSE PILGRIMAGE ARRIVES AT ST. MARY'S: Knights of Columbus Council #14224 will display the Silver Rose in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe once again at St. Mary's on Thursday, September 5 at 7:00 PM. in the church. The Silver Rose on display is one of eight that tour the country each year with the intention of "...expressing both international unity and dedication to the sanctity of life".* Past Supreme Knight Carl Anderson in 2001 stated "As we think in terms of 'one Life, one Rose', it is most important that we turn to Our Lady of Guadalupe who made known her will through Juan Diego and the miracle of the roses".* Council Knights will explain and lead prayers for the sanctity of life while displaying the Silver Rose. **All St. Mary parishioners are invited.** (*Quotes from THE PILOT of August 2, 2024, pg.20)

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.

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.

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. 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.

YOUTH NEWS

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP: 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.

ATTENTION: PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN WORKSHOP (PGC): Two PGC dates have been scheduled for Monday, September 9 and Thursday, September 12 from 6:00 to 9:00 PM in Room 3 - 4 of the Center. If you are a new volunteer in any our parish ministries please contact our office to register for one of the above workshops at st.marysre1870@gmail.com



PRE-K PROGRAM: St. Mary's offers a wonderful PRE-K Program on Sunday mornings starting on October 6. Kristin Roberto will share stories about God's love for them including 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.

GRADE COORDINATORS ARE NEEDED: At this time there is a need for a Grade 3 and 5 Coordinator. 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.

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 and new volunteers CORI forms must be signed and verified in person by any staff member with a license. *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	3 Teens
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GR-1	Sun. 8:10 to 9:20 AM	7 Adults
GR-2	Sun. 8:10 to 9:20 AM	4 Adults
GR-2	Sun. 10:45 AM to 12:00 PM	4 Adults
GR-3	Sun. 7:55 AM to 9:25 PM	3 Adults
GR-3	Sun. 10:45 AM to 12:15 PM	4 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	Tues. 7:00 to 8:30 PM	4 Adults each GR
GR-9	Conf. 1 Current Program	
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	Thur. 7:00 to 8:30 PM	4 Adults each GR
GR-9	Conf. 1 Current Program	
GR-10	Conf. 2 Current Program	5 Adults

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