

## Ministry Sunday



### A PRAYER FOR MY PARISH

Almighty God, my parish family is composed of people like me. I help make it what it is.

It will be friendly, if I am. Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them.

It will do great work, if I work. It will make generous gifts to many causes,  
if I am a generous giver.

It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship, if I invite and bring them.

It will be a parish family of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, and a parish with a noble  
spirit, if I - who make it what it is - am filled with these same qualities.

Therefore, with the help of God, I will dedicate myself to the task  
of being all the things that I want my parish to be.

Bless my journey, Lord God, that I might build the Church through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



# 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: Announced

#### Adoration Schedule:

First Fridays, following Mass  
from 9:30 - 10:30 AM.

#### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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,

Today we join the nation in mourning the victims of Wednesday's Georgia school shooting. We commend to the hands of God students Mason Schermerhorn and Christian Angulo, both 14, and teachers Richard Aspinwall and Cristina Irimie. We ask His strength and blessing upon their grieving loved ones. And we ask for healing for the nine injured during the shooting.

Whenever evil touches our lives, as individuals or as a nation, it is an opportunity to be strengthened in our own Christian identity. With contrast can come clarity. I remember reading, for instance, how as a young man Pope Benedict XVI observed firsthand the violence and hatred of the Nazi regime. He saw his own parish priest badly beaten by Nazi soldiers. He heard the rhetoric of intolerance proclaimed by Nazi propagandists. In stark contrast to all this, however, the future pope saw the Church standing up for the oppressed and proclaiming God's love for all people and the universal offer of salvation. This made on him a profound impression.

Just as Pope Benedict's experience of the evils of Nazism made him more determined to commit himself to the good work of Christ's Church, so the evils of violence like Wednesday's should make us more committed to the good of our Catholic faith. Central to that faith is the belief that all human life has an innate dignity, being created in the image and likeness of God. For this reason, Catholics consider all human life to be sacred – from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death.

If there is one way above all that we should honor the memory of those whose lives were taken at Apalachee High School, it is by reaffirming the value of all human life regardless of race, creed, politics, or even personal guilt or innocence. Every time we act to defend human life – especially where it is most vulnerable or threatened – that is when we offer worthy tribute to the victims. In the end, it is our respect for the sanctity of all human life that forever separates us from those who take human life for any reason.

God bless you!

Rev. Mark J. Coiro

## WELCOME LISA!

This weekend we are delighted to welcome a new member to our Parish Ministry Team. Mrs. Lisa Dufault has been hired as our new High School Youth Minister. Lisa will be leading our TGIF High School Youth Group, starting with the big TGIF Kickoff Sunday, September 22! We know that she will be a wonderful blessing to our young people. Her office is located off the lower church hall, and she may be reached at [st.marystgif1870@gmail.com](mailto:st.marystgif1870@gmail.com). Welcome aboard Lisa!



## GRADE 7 TEACHERS NEEDED ~ NEW LIFE TEEN “PURPOSE” PROGRAM!

In anticipation of the new Grade 8 Confirmation age, this year's 7<sup>th</sup> Graders are starting Year One of our new Confirmation Program.

The new program, “Purpose,” is very interactive, and we are in great need of teachers on either a Monday OR Wednesday night, just twice a month, from 7 - 8:30 PM. Please contact [st.marys1870@gmail.com](mailto:st.marys1870@gmail.com) to volunteer for Grade 7 Teaching.



## SIDEWALK REPAIR

On Tuesday, September 10, the Holliston DPW will be repairing the sidewalk in front of the church on Washington Street. This much-needed work is expected to take about three to four days. Please plan accordingly and thank you for your flexibility with parking and entry to the church on those days.





# ST. MARY'S PARISH NEEDS YOU!

## 2024 MINISTRY SECTION

Our parish offers many opportunities to grow in God's Spirit and to serve others in our own community and beyond the boundaries of Holliston as well. This booklet offers brief descriptions of ministries here at St. Mary's and ways you can be involved. Please consider how you can contribute your time and talent to the life of our parish community and respond as you are able to this call for volunteers. Thank you for your participation in and support of our parish life. Let us all pray for our parish's continued growth as a community of Jesus' disciples, called to love and serve the Lord and each other.

**MUSIC MINISTRY:** The Music Ministry at St. Mary's Parish involves 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 is a dedicated and warm group with a passion for traditional music. They sing for the 11:30 AM Mass every Sunday, enriching the liturgy with a variety of choral anthems ranging from Gregorian chant to modern compositions, both a cappella and accompanied, aided by the help of professional section leaders. This choir rehearses on Thursday evenings.

Our St. Mary's Children and Youth Choirs are particularly seeking more singers! These choirs prepare anthems for the Sunday 9:30 AM Mass every few weeks, providing a wonderful chance for children and youth to bond through musical growth and worshipful song. Both groups 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!

**Adult Choir:** Begins September 5. Open to all voices ages 13 and older. Sings every Sunday at 11:30 AM Mass (warmups 10:45 AM). Rehearses Thursday from 7:00 - 9:00 PM in the Lower Church.

**Youth Choir:** Begins September 4. Open to all voices grades 6 and up. Sings every few Sundays at 9:30 AM Mass (call time 8:50 AM). Rehearses Wednesday from 4:00 - 5:00 PM in the Lower Church.

**Children's Choir:** Begins September 4. Open to all voices grades 3 - 5. Sings every few Sundays at 9:30 AM Mass (call time 8:50 AM). Rehearses Wednesday from 3:30 - 4:20 PM in the Lower Church.

**HOSPITALITY/WELCOMING COMMITTEE:** This committee helps new members of St. Mary's feel welcome in their new parish. We host a Welcome Gathering, aka Donuts, Juice and Coffee (DJ&C) fellowship hour after the 9:30 AM Mass the First Sunday of the month. All are welcome and are encouraged to introduce themselves to the new families. New parishioners receive an invitation to an upcoming "DJ&C". This enjoyable event fosters goodwill and fellowship among St. Mary's parishioners.

**USHERS:** Do you attend the same Mass time most weekends? Then please consider being an usher. Your collection work literally keeps the lights on! Annual CORI's apply.



**MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP:** Faithful adults are needed to help out as trip chaperones and at Monthly Youth Group Meetings for this huge and thriving ministry. Meetings are just once a month, anchoring this program of prayer, faith, friendship and fun. Be part of the joy!

**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP (TGIF):** After our amazing Mississippi Mission Trip, we now look forward to a new year of growing in faith, service and friendship together. Parents are needed for Meetings and Trip help.

**ADULT VOLUNTEER MEETING ~ TGIF HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP:** Monday, September 16 at 7 PM in Father Haley Hall. TGIF (Teens Gather In Faith) is growing by leaps and bounds! We need adults who are good Catholic role models for our teens and will journey with them spiritually this year. The great spirit of service shown by our 83 Mission teens this summer will continue here at home, along with opportunities for faith enrichment, new friendships, and FUN! Please bring your calendar, as we will be having adult signups for all fall semester TGIF activities. CORI & VIRTUS apply. Also, please note that just like the teens, TGIF Mission Trip adults are expected to be an active part of TGIF this school year. \*\*\* Please RSVP to High School Youth Minister Lisa Dufault at [st.marystgif1870@gmail.com](mailto:st.marystgif1870@gmail.com) if you are planning to attend. \*\*\*

**ADULT VOLUNTEER MEETING ~ MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP:** Monday, September 23 at 7 PM in Father Haley Hall. Any adult parishioner who attends Mass weekly at St. Mary's, and who is living a life in harmony with the moral teachings of the Catholic faith, may volunteer to be part of this joyful ministry. With Monthly Meetings averaging 90 - 199 teens, and many well attended trips of over 100 teens each, we need many adults to assure safety and to guide our young people into faith, friendship, service and fun. CORI & VIRTUS requirements apply. Please bring your calendar, as we will be having adult signups for all fall semester MSYG activities. \*\*\* Please RSVP to [St.Marys1870@gmail.com](mailto:St.Marys1870@gmail.com) if you are planning to attend. \*\*\*

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** Our parish Religious Education Program assists parents in the formation of their children and teens in the Catholic Faith and Traditions. Through religious instruction and preparation for the Sacraments, a continuous spiral approach to faith formation for each grade offers a foundation upon which to build a lifelong relationship with Jesus Christ. Our program depends solely on faith filled volunteer teachers from Pre-K through Grade 10. Please call 508-429-6076 if you can take part in our teaching ministry. *See the back page of this bulletin for details.*

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:** CLOW is held during the 9:30 AM Mass on Sunday mornings. It offers children from Kindergarten and beyond the opportunity to have their own celebration of the Liturgy of the Word. Children leave the main assembly to hear the readings proclaimed from the Catholic Children's Lectionary. They are able to participate in a "dialogue homily." Right now new leaders are urgently needed, and will be welcomed and mentored in the ministry. Materials are provided in advance of the celebrations. Adult Monitors from within the congregation are essential to assist the children's safe movement from the main church to the lower hall.

Children  
ARE A  
Blessing  
GIFT FROM  
THE LORD



**ALTAR SERVERS:** The St. Mary's Altar Servers minister at Sunday and Holy Day Masses, as well as at First Communions, weddings and other parish liturgical celebrations. Their presence in the sanctuary is a reminder that the young are an important part of the church, and that Catholics of all ages have gifts to offer to God and to our community. Any boy or girl in the 4th to 12th grade may become a server. We need about nine new servers this year!

**ART AND ENVIRONMENT:** This ministry is responsible for the liturgical decoration of the church, including flowers and plants inside the church, and planting and general upkeep of the flowers around the church. The exterior work entails seasonal plantings, clean up and weeding, pruning and dead heading. The interior work entails the care of the green plants in the trough behind the altar and seasonal arrangements of plants and flowers.

**ST. MARY'S MARRIAGE FELLOWSHIP:** This is a parish ministry that provides opportunities for married couples to connect and grow together spiritually. The ministry meets monthly for fellowship and a brief reflection on topics related to marriage, raising children, faith formation, and service. Whether you are newly married or have been together for many years, we'd love to meet you! Free onsite childcare will be provided by teen volunteers from St. Mary's Confirmation program for couples who have young children. Please plan to bring an appetizer or dessert to share and be certain children have already eaten dinner. We hope you can join us!

**ST. MARY'S NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE:** A group of volunteers meet to share light refreshments and socialize as they help to get timely parish information out to all registered parishioners by labeling and sealing approximately 2,000 Newsletters. The Newsletters are composed according to the Liturgical Calendar, and not on a regular monthly schedule. We meet in Fr. Haley Hall, on select Mondays after the 9 AM daily mass. An email is sent out to all volunteers a week or two prior to the event. Your participation can be as full as you prefer. Many hands make light work – please consider joining us!

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY:** Have you ever wanted to give your fellow parishioners a hug? PSALM (Prayer Shawls and Lots More) knits and crochets shawls, wraps, and lap blankets for people who are dealing with illness, bereavement, or a change in circumstances. If you can knit or crochet, or want to learn, join us in this tangible sign of support.

**LECTORS:** At Mass, the lector, or reader, proclaims the Word of God, the Old and New Testament readings, and presents the petitions during the Prayer of the Faithful. Lectors are men, women and teens of good faith, eager to serve their community. While lectors need not be professionally trained in public communication, certain basic abilities for public speaking are necessary for the lector to proclaim the Word of God in an effective manner to the liturgical assembly. Lectors participate in initial and ongoing skill training and support.

**MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND:** One way in which our parish ministers to those who are "homebound" is to provide the opportunity for regular pastoral visits and the reception of Holy Communion. Pastoral visitors provide support to the homebound person through their presence and careful attention, as well as with prayer and communion. Volunteers are needed for this important ministry.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** The Eucharistic Minister is a person of faith called to bring the Body and Blood of Christ to his or her fellow Catholic Christians. Eucharistic Ministers serve at all of our weekend Masses and on all Holy Days of Obligation. Preparation for this ministry includes both practical training and ongoing spiritual formation.

**YOUTH LECTORS:** The St. Mary's Youth Lector program allows youths in 7th grade or higher to proclaim the Word of God at Mass and at other liturgical celebrations. Youth Lectors are most often assigned to the Sunday 9:30 AM Family Mass, so that the young may minister to their peers. Otherwise, the character of the ministry is very much the same as for adult lectors.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:** The Parish Pastoral Council is an advisory group that acts as the “voice” of the people of St. Mary’s. Its members assist the pastor by making him aware of the needs, ideas, concerns, and dreams of our parishioners - and helps develop plans to address them. The Council meets several times a year from 7:00 to 8:30 PM in person or via Zoom. Please consider nominating yourself or someone you know to the Council. To be sure we represent our parish, we welcome adults of all ages, married or single, with or without children, who have a love for St. Mary’s and our faith.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** VBS is a weeklong celebration of faith. Through song, prayer, arts & crafts, movies, drama and scripture, the children grow in their understanding of God’s love. VBS takes place for one week each year in late July, Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Exact dates are announced in the spring in the Parish Bulletin and Parish Newsletter.

**ST. MARY’S MOM’S PRAYER GROUP:** There will be a MOM’S GROUP every Tuesday, 9:45-11 AM starting this week, September 10 in Fr. Haley Hall. Every week, we will pray together, read reflections according to the liturgical season, and share prayer intentions. Children of all ages are welcome and there will be a few toys and coloring activities available. Coffee and snacks will be provided. Contact Meghan Krenselewski at 978-421-5795.

**WINGS:** Women in God’s Spirit (WINGS) offers encouragement and enrichment for women of all ages who seek to deepen their faith and grow in their relationship with God and one another. We host 3 six week seasons (Fall, Winter, Spring) on Wednesday mornings in Fr. Haley Hall and via Zoom. Our meetings include fellowship, prayer, presentations from inspiring speakers and time for questions and discussion. Loving childcare is available. Women are welcome even if not registered or unable to come on a regular basis. In addition to our attendees, we have a core team that develops and delivers these wonderful programs. The core team is always looking for women who want to enrich the ministry by sharing their talents. To learn more about core team opportunities, our program or to register, email [stmaryswingssecretary@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryswingssecretary@gmail.com). We are excited to be celebrating our 25th year and hope you will join us!

**ST. MARY’S CATHOLIC WOMEN’S GROUP:** Warm and friendly prayers and companionship are shared by a wonderful and intimate group called "St. Mary's Catholic Women's Group". This is one of the other groups for Women, with a different focus than WINGS. They meet on the second Wednesday of the month in March, April, September, October, November and December at 12:00 noon for lunch and friendship. Their activities are nonprofit and they raise funds for various projects and groups. Welcome all who'd like to spend time with some wonderful women of God.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** St. Mary’s Knights of Columbus Council #14224 is a fraternal organization open to Catholic men ages 18 and older. The Knights is a service organization whose members commit to pledging volunteer hours of service by helping the Church, our families, and local community. Our core principles are charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. We sponsor local charities and youth programs and strive to meet parish needs and other worthy causes through fundraising and service. Meetings are held monthly, and new members are always welcome.

**RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE:** This committee promotes an awareness of the value of human life from conception to natural death. Some of the activities that the group sponsors are the parish’s participation in the October “Respect Life Walk”, the Rose for Life remembrance, Pennies from Heaven Lenten collection for children and the “Baby Shower” as well as the Respect Life resource board in the Center Hall lobby.

**LENTEN SUPPERS:** Friday evenings during Lent, St. Mary’s offers parishioners the opportunity to gather together in faith for community prayer, a meal and reflection as a way of observing this holy season. We need volunteers to help with these wonderful weekly suppers as they are getting larger with each coming season of Lent. When you sign up for this ministry, you are added to the “Lenten Supper Volunteer” email database. There is no mandatory commitment. Weekly emails of a “Sign Up Genius” list get sent out with slots for drinks/food that make up each Friday night meal. Examples of slots consist of bread/salad, soup, pizza, side dishes, main courses and a dessert (for the kids to eat while the reflection is being lead). If you would like to join our volunteer list we would love to add you! Volunteers sign up sometimes just once during the season and some commit to a sign up for multiple or all six weeks. Thank you for considering helping our ministry!

# St. Mary's Parish Needs YOU! 2024 Ministry Sunday Response Sheet

If you would like to participate in a ministry, or you would just like to know more, please fill out this form now and place it in one of the two wicker baskets in the church sanctuary this weekend. You may also mail or drop it off at the rectory (8 Church St., Holliston), as soon as possible. You will be contacted within two weeks by a member of the ministry team in which you expressed interest or about which you would like more information.



☐ I am interested in the following ministry(ies):

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☐ I need more information about a ministry or I am not sure what I would like to do to help. Please call me to discuss.

☐ I am not able to become a minister at this time, but would like to leave my name as occasionally able for one-time projects or parish needs. Any specific talent or area of expertise that you can share with us would be greatly appreciated!

Ways I can help: 

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Name: 

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Telephone: 

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Email: 

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☐ I wish to nominate the following person for membership on the Parish Pastoral Council. He/she is a registered member of the parish and attends Mass at St. Mary's, Holliston on a weekly basis.

Nominee: 

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**Romans 12:6-8** *Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.*



**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  
 Mrs. Lisa Dufault, HS Youth Minister  
 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:	\$ 5,542.00
WeShare:	\$ 7,357.22
Offertory Envelopes:	\$ 6,168.00
Total Offertory:	\$ 19,067.22

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND:**

Next week's second collection is for the care of our active and senior priests. The Mission of the Clergy Funds is to ensure healthcare and quality of life for our priests, especially when age or health dictates, and we need your help. Remember the priests who have made a difference in your life, and consider honoring them with a gift that helps care for them in their time of need, just as they have cared for us when we needed them. Thank you for your support.

**HAVE YOU CONSIDERED SWITCHING TO WESHARE OR AUTOMATIC GIVING?** These online services allow you to maintain your support without having to remember to mail or drop off your envelopes. You can maintain your customary weekly parish support even when you are away on vacation, long holiday weekends, foul weather weekends, sickness, (even pandemic), or other challenges during the year. **Learn how to make the switch at:**  
<https://stmarysholliston.com/how-to-give/>.

**ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC WOMEN'S GROUP:**

The St. Mary's Catholic Women's Group will hold the first meeting of the season on Wednesday, September 11 at noon in the Parish Library. This will be a Potluck Lunch and all women of the Parish are welcome! We will be praying, talking and catching up on our summer exploits, eating lunch & playing bingo. All are welcome.

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>September 7</b>
5:00	Anthony and Lena Mirabile
7:30	People of St. Mary's
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>September 8</b>
7:30	Kevin Muzzy
9:30	Tim O'Connell
11:30	Joan Powers, 8 <sup>th</sup> Anv.
<b>Monday</b>	<b>September 9</b>
9:00	Special Intention
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>September 10</b>
9:00	John Walker
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>September 11</b>
9:00	Michael Edward McHugh and all 911 Victims.
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>September 12</b>
9:00	The Stahl Grandchildren (Living)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>September 13</b>
9:00	John Walker
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>September 14</b>
5:00	William Meehan
7:30	Francis X. Costello
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>September 15</b>
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Gary Sencio
11:30	Healing for Unhealthy Attachments

**DONUTS, JUICE AND COFFEE:** Please join us today, Sunday, September 8, after the 9:30 AM Mass in Fr. Haley Hall for refreshments and camaraderie. DJ&C is also a great chance to welcome new families who have joined our parish. Come on down!

**PANTRY SHELF BACK TO SCHOOL HELP:**

Pasta, spaghetti, tomato sauce, chunky peanut butter, jelly, pasta, pasta sauce, paper towels, Progresso Soup, Chef Boyardee Beef Ravioli, canned beef stew, tuna 5 oz., canned turkey/chicken, canned fruits, snacks, and juice boxes. Donations may be dropped off in the blue bin by the main parking lot entrance.

**THE ROSE FOR LIFE:** Is sponsored this week by the Butler Family. Please join them in prayer for an unborn child. To sponsor the Rose for Life for 2024 please contact the Rectory at 429-4427 or [st.marys1870@gmail.com](mailto:st.marys1870@gmail.com).







**TIMMY CAKE FUNDRAISER TODAY:** Representatives of The Timothy O'Connell Foundation will be selling Tim's favorite chocolate cake after each Mass this weekend. Donation is \$70. All proceeds from the sales of these cakes will go to the Foundation's charitable mission, including its Scholarship Fund. The Timothy O'Connell Foundation is a 501(c) (3) not-for-profit organization, established in honor and loving memory of Timothy O'Connell, a St. Mary's parishioner. Since its inception in 2008, the Foundation has

distributed over \$950,000 in gifts to worthy cancer-related causes, and has awarded more than \$140,000 in scholarships to Holliston students pursuing health-related fields of study. Learn all about the Foundation's other gifting programs and goals at [www.timsteam.org](http://www.timsteam.org) or email [joanneoconnell@comcast.net](mailto:joanneoconnell@comcast.net). Thank you!

**CELEBRATE HOLLISTON - WE NEED YOUR HELP!** St. Mary's will host a booth at Celebrate Holliston on September 21. We want to share our active and vibrant community with all of Holliston. The event runs from 10 AM - 3 PM and we will need people to join us in the booth for 2 hour shifts. If you love St. Mary's and want to help share our story, please reach out to Sarah Kane, Diane Collins or Sue Cote. You can send an email to [ksuecote@gmail.com](mailto:ksuecote@gmail.com). It will be a great opportunity to see friends and make new ones!

**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 next weekend 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.

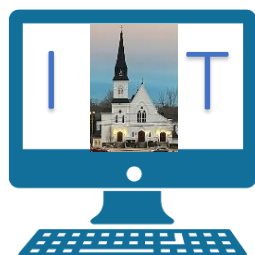
**MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP:** The **Fall MSYG Kick Off Event is Sunday, October 6**, from 6:30 - 8 PM in Fr. Haley Hall. MSYG is open to ALL 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Graders - not just Catholics and not just from St. Mary's. Join us for a new year of Faith, Friendship, Service and Fun. Adventure awaits!



**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. **We resume this Tuesday, September 10!** Please contact Meghan Krenselewski at 978-421-5795 for details.

**WINGS:** Welcome to our 25<sup>th</sup> WINGS year and our 2024 Fall Season "*Called to Holiness - Becoming Our Best Selves.*" WINGS will begin on Wednesday, October 9, from 9:45 to 11:15 AM in Father Haley Hall and conclude on Wednesday, November 13. We hope you will join us either in person or over Zoom. Our meetings include prayer, an inspiring speaker presentation on a relevant topic of the Catholic faith and large or small group sharing with WOMEN OF ALL AGES. Babysitting will be provided for those attending in person. WINGS asks for dues of \$50 per year, or \$20 per season (Fall, Winter, Spring) to defray speaker fees; however, everyone is welcome regardless of ability to pay. For additional information about the WINGS ministry, please call Jen Schiller 617-852-9632 or Diane Collins 508-259-7795 or visit our webpage <https://stmarysholliston.com/women-in-gods-spirit-w-i-n-g-s/>. To register, email [stmaryswingssecretary@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryswingssecretary@gmail.com).

**ST. MARY'S MARRIAGE FELLOWSHIP KICKOFF BBQ!** St. Mary's Marriage Fellowship is a parish ministry that provides opportunities for married couples to support and encourage each other to grow spiritually and to live in accordance with God's plan for marriage. We'd love to meet you! Please join us for a potluck-style cookout on Saturday, September 28 from 4:00 - 7:00 PM. Children are welcome to attend. The cookout will be held off-grounds at the home of Kelly and Jake Haas. Appetizers, sides, and desserts would be appreciated if you're able to contribute. Please RSVP by emailing: [stmarysmarriagefellowship@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysmarriagefellowship@gmail.com).



**IT HELP NEEDED ~** Do you know WordPress? St. Mary's is in need of volunteers to assist in the updating and formatting of our wonderful website: <https://stmarysholliston.com/>. This work can be done at your convenience and from your own home. If you possess this talent, please consider sharing it with your parish family. We are also in need of general IT computer help. Kindly contact [St.Marys1870@gmail.com](mailto:St.Marys1870@gmail.com) to find out more. Thank you!

**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". Go to our website at <https://stmarysholliston.com/> and click the banner that leads you to the registration form and click the volunteer box. If you have children in the program, consider teaching a class with another parent or be a monitor in the lobby. See our teacher needs below.

### CLASSES BEGIN SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

GRADES	SESSIONS DAYS AND TIMES	TEACHERS NEEDED
PRE-K & Kind.	Sun. 9:15 to 10:30 AM	2 Teens
	Sun. 9:15 to 10:30 AM	3 Teens, 2 Adults
GR-1	Sun. 8:10 to 9:20 AM	4 Adults
GR-2	Sun. 8:10 to 9:20 AM	2 Adults
GR-2	Sun. 10:45 AM to 12:00 PM	2 Adults
GR-3	Sun. 7:55 AM to 9:25 PM	3 Adults
GR-3	Sun. 10:45 AM to 12:15 PM	2 Adults
GR-4	Sun. 10:45 AM to 12:15 PM	2 Adults
GR-5	Sun. 10:45 AM to 12:15 PM	1 Adult
GR-6	Sun. 4:00 to 5:30 PM	2 Adults
GR-7	Mon. 7:00 to 8:30 PM Conf. 1 New Program	5 Adults
GR-3	Tues. 4:00 to 5:30 PM	2 Adults
GR-4	Tues. 4:00 to 5:30 PM	2 Adults
GR-5	Tues. 4:00 to 5:30 PM	2 Adults
GR-6	Tues. 4:00 to 5:30 PM	2 Adults
GR-6	Tues. 5:00 to 6:30 PM	1 Adults
GR-8	Tues. 7:00 to 8:30 PM	2 Adults
GR-9	Conf. 1 Current Program	
GR-10	Tues. 7:00 to 8:30 PM Conf. 2 Current Program	2 Adults
GR-2	Wed. 4:15 to 5:30 PM (same day as below)	4 Adults, two for each class
GR-3	Wed. 4:00 to 5:30 PM	1 Adult
GR-4	Wed. 4:00 to 5:30 PM	1 Adult
GR-5	Wed. 4:00 to 5:30 PM	1 Adult
GR-7	Wed. 7:00 to 8:30 PM Conf. 1 New Program	5 Adults
GR-3	Thur. 4:00 to 5:30 PM	1 Adult
GR-4	Thur. 4:00 to 5:30 PM	1 Adult
GR-5	Thur. 4:00 to 5:30 PM	1 Adult
GR-8	Thur. 7:00 to 8:30 PM	2 Adults
GR-9	Conf. 1 Current Program	
GR-10	Conf. 2 Current Program	2 Adults

**MONITORS ARE NEEDED AND ARE VITAL TO OUR PROGRAM:** Just one 90 minute slot once a month for any grade level will be so helpful. *Thank you!*

**GRADE 10 CONFIRMATION REHEARSALS and SERVICE:** Rehearsal for the Saturday, 10:30 AM September 28 Confirmation Service is on Tuesday, September 24 and for the 12:30 PM Service is on Thursday, September 26. Both rehearsals are from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. Students will check into Fr. Haley Hall.

**GRADE 1 TEACHER MEETING:** Wednesday, September 11 at 7:30 PM in Room 3 - 4 of the Center.

**GRADES 3 AND 4 TEACHER MEETING:** Tuesday, September 17 at 7:30 PM in the Library and Classroom 2.

**GRADE 2 TEACHER MEETING:** Thursday, September 19 at 7:30 PM in Room 3 - 4.

**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.marysdre1870@gmail.com](mailto:st.marysdre1870@gmail.com).

**A GRADE 5 COORDINATOR IS NEEDED:** Coordinators assist the DRE and support the teachers during the year. Please call 508-429-6076 or email Fran at [st.marysdre@gmail.com](mailto:st.marysdre@gmail.com) if you can inspire and lead our volunteer teachers. Training is provided. *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 regularly worshipping members of St. Mary's.*

**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 volunteer CORI forms must be signed and verified in person with a license by any staff member. *Please note: If a FY2024 form has already been submitted, we do not need another.*

**ATTENTION: PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN WORKSHOP (PGC) SCHEDULE:** We are offering a workshop for 17 - 18 year olds tomorrow, Monday, September 9. We will also hold a workshop on Thursday, September 12 for adult volunteers. Workshops will meet from 6 - 9 PM in Room 3 - 4 of the Center. Please contact the Religious Ed office if you are interested in attending.