



Jesus summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.” Mark 8:34



# 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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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,

St. James says in today's Epistle that "faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead." Good works flow from our faith and they keep our faith alive. Along with prayer, the things we do for others are the fuel that keeps the love of Jesus burning brightly in our lives.

Which is why Jesus says in today's Gospel that in order to follow Him, in order to be *alive* in Him, we must deny ourselves and pick up the Cross of service – the Cross of sacrificial love.

A beautiful example of such service was the mission work that 83 St. Mary's teens and adults undertook in Mississippi this past summer. We are delighted to have five of those teens share their experience at the five Masses this weekend. May their witness remind us of the importance of reaching out to others, including the stranger in need. (Mission Group photo on Bulletin cover).

Last weekend we invited all parishioners to prayerfully consider the needs and opportunities for ministry right here at St. Mary's. If you have not already done so, please return a volunteer sheet soon. (Extras are available in the Parish Center Lobby).

I renew my call for more volunteers to teach Religious Education Classes this school year. With classes starting two weeks from today, we are still many men and women short – including for the new Grade Seven Confirmation Program that I will be teaching. I'll do my best, but I cannot succeed without your help.

God bless you!

Rev. Mark J. Coiro

*"Do everything calmly and peacefully. Do as much as you can as well as you can. Strive to see God in all things without exception, and consent to His will joyously. Do everything for God, uniting yourself to Him in word and deed. Walk very simply with the Cross of the Lord and be at peace with yourself."*

- St. Francis de Sales

## YOUTH GROUP ADULT MEETINGS

### ADULT VOLUNTEER MEETING ~ TGIF HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP:



**This 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 and adults 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:



**Next 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 - 100 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. \*\*\*



**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

**SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND:**

This 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.

**OFFERTORY LAST WEEKEND:**

Automatic Giving:	\$ 3,628.00
WeShare:	\$ 3,576.45
Offertory Envelopes:	\$ 9,904.00
Total Offertory:	\$ 17,108.45

**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/>.



**TIMMY CAKE FUNDRAISER:**

Thank you to all who helped the Timothy O'Connell Foundation by purchasing Tim's favorite chocolate cake last weekend. All proceeds from the sales of these

cakes will go to the Foundation's charitable mission, including its Scholarship Fund. Any questions email [joanneoconnell@comcast.net](mailto:joanneoconnell@comcast.net). Thank you!

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

<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
<b>Monday</b>	<b>September 16</b>
9:00	Rev. William T. Pearsall
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>September 17</b>
9:00	Holy Souls
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>September 18</b>
9:00	Paul T. Shea
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>September 19</b>
9:00	Michael Mansfield
<b>Friday</b>	<b>September 20</b>
9:00	The Stahl Family (Living)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>September 21</b>
5:00	Dominic and Grace Magrini
7:30	Robert Parent, Month's Mind
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>September 22</b>
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Daniel Maguire, 22 <sup>nd</sup> Anv.
11:30	Richard White, 20 <sup>th</sup> Anv.

**GRADE 11 CONFIRMATION CLASS REMINDERS:**

**The pre-Confirmation Night of Reflection**

with the Sacrament of Reconciliation available for all the Confirmands will be held **TONIGHT**, Sunday, September 15 at 6:30 PM, with sign in at the Parish Center Lobby at 6:15 PM.

**The Confirmation**

**Rehearsal** for each Confirmand and their Sponsor is as follows:

Tuesday, September 24 at 6:30 PM in Fr. Haley Hall for those participating in the 10:30 AM Confirmation Ceremony.

Thursday, September 26 at 6:30 PM in Fr. Haley Hall for those participating in the 12:30 PM Confirmation Ceremony.

Please pray for those soon to be Confirmed!





## 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 this weekend, September 14 and 15! Save the date now for the **Fall TGIF Kick Off, Next 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!



## OPEN CHOIR REHEARSALS THIS SEPTEMBER:

The three St. Mary's Choirs have started up this fall, and we'd like to invite you to open rehearsals for the month of September! Visitors are welcome to drop in for any length of time to listen and sing with the following ensembles:  
Children's Choir: Grades 3 - 5; Rehearses Wednesdays from 3:30 - 4:20 PM in the Lower Church Hall,  
Youth Choir: Grades 6 and above; Rehearses Wednesdays from 4:00 - 5:00 PM in the Lower Church Hall,  
Adult Choir: Ages 13 and above; Rehearses Thursdays from 7:00 - 9:00 PM in the Lower Church Hall.

**WOMEN'S MINISTRIES: 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. Join us this Tuesday, September 17! Please contact Meghan Krenselewski at 978-421-5795 for details.



**WINGS:** Welcome to our 25th 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 is 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. Send a check payable to St. Mary's Parish to St. Mary's Parish, 8 Church St., Holliston, MA 01746 or pay at the door. 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 for WINGS, email [stmaryswingssecretary@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryswingssecretary@gmail.com).

**MINISTRY FAIR THANK YOU:** We had a wonderful turnout for our annual Ministry Fair last Sunday. Thank you to everyone who signed up to contribute to our vibrant St. Mary's community both at the Fair and from the pews at each Mass. If you missed the Fair, please know that it's not too late and we continue to need your help. We invite you to log into the Parish website to fill in a volunteer form and our ministry leads will be in touch to answer your questions and help you be involved. To all our volunteers, new and renewing, please remember that all ministries have requirements for Protecting God's Children (one-time), CORI (annually, post 7/1), and an acknowledgement that you've received the current Code of Conduct (annually). Catechists are also asked to complete the Catechist's Covenant (one-time). We have tried to make these as easy as possible. Please check with our Religious Ed Office if you need to update your compliance.

**NEWSLETTER COLLATING TOMORROW:** Please join us tomorrow, Monday, September 16 from 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM in Fr. Haley Hall to assist in our collating of the Fall Newsletter. All are welcome!



**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!

**THE ROSE FOR LIFE:** Is sponsored this week by the Kampersal Family. Please join them in prayer for an unborn child. To sponsor the Rose for Life for 2025 please contact the Rectory at 429-4427 or [st.marys1870@gmail.com](mailto:st.marys1870@gmail.com).

**CELEBRATE HOLLISTON - WE NEED YOUR HELP!** St. Mary's will host a booth at Celebrate Holliston next Saturday, 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!



**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 tan bin by the main parking lot entrance.

**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).



**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.



**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD (CLOW):**

We welcome back all the children this weekend for our first CLOW session with Kristin Roberto.

**BE A DISCIPLE FOR CHRIST ~ WE NEED YOU!**

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 and register to teach a class at <https://stmarysholliston.com/>. Click the banner that leads you to the volunteer box. Click the box and complete the form to choose the grade, time and day that meets your schedule. **See the chart below:**

GRADE	DAY AND TIME	TEACHER NEEDS	MONITOR NEEDS
<b>SUNDAY</b>			
GR-3	7:55 & 10:45 AM	1 Adult	1
GR-4	10:45AM to 12:15 PM	1 Adult	1
GR-5	10:45AM to 12:15 PM	1 Adult	1
<b>MONDAY</b>			
GR-7	7:00 to 8:30 PM	3 Adults	1
<b>TUESDAY</b>			
GR-3	4:00 to 5:30 PM	1 Adult	Filled
GR-4	4:00 to 5:30 PM	1 Adult	Filled
GR-6	4:00 to 5:30 PM	1 Adult	Filled
GR-6	5:00 to 6:30 PM	1 Adult	Filled
GR-8/9	7:00 to 8:30 PM	2 Adults	Filled
GR-10	7:00 to 8:30 PM	1 Adult	Filled
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>			
GR-2	4:15 to 5:30 PM	3 Adults	Filled
GR-4	4:00 to 5:30 PM	1 Adult	Filled
GR-5	4:00 to 5:30 PM	1 Adult	Filled
GR-7	7:00 to 8:30 PM	2 Adults	Filled
<b>THURSDAY</b>			
GR-3	4:00 to 5:30 PM	1 Adult	1
GR-5	4:00 to 5:30 PM	1 Adult	1
GR-8/9	7:00 to 8:30 PM	1 Adult	1
GR-10	7:00 to 8:30 PM	2 Adults	1

**KINDERGARTEN TEACHER MTG:** Monday, September 16 at 7:30 PM in Room 2 in the Center.

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

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

**GRADES 5 AND 6 TEACHER MEETINGS:** Monday, September 16 at 7:30 PM in Room 3 and Library.

**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.

**SEE THE CHART BELOW FOR CLASS SESSION START DATES:**

GRADE	START DATE	DAY AND TIME
<b>SUNDAY</b>		
Pre-K	October 6	9:15 to 10:30 AM
K	September 29	9:15 to 10:30 AM
GR-1	October 6	8:10 to 9:20 AM
GR-2	September 29	8:10 to 9:25 AM
GR-2	September 29	10:45 AM to 12:00 PM
GR-3	September 29	7:55 to 9:25 AM
GR-3	September 29	10:45 AM to 12:15 PM
GR-4, 5	October 6	10:45 AM to 12:15 PM
GR-6	October 27	4:00 to 5:30 PM
<b>MONDAY</b>		
GR-7	October 7	7:00 to 8:30 PM
<b>TUESDAY</b>		
GR-3, 4, 5, 6	October 8	4:00 to 5:30 PM
GR-6	October 8	5:00 to 6:30 PM
GR-8/9	October 8	7:00 to 8:30 PM
GR-10	October 15	7:00 to 8:30 PM
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>		
GR-2	October 9	4:15 to 5:30 PM
GR-3, 4, 5	October 9	4:00 to 5:30 PM
GR-7	October 9	7:00 to 8:30 PM
<b>THURSDAY</b>		
GR-3, 4, 5	October 10	4:00 to 5:30 PM
GR-8/9	October 10	7:00 to 8:30 PM
GR-10	October 17	7:00 to 8:30 PM

**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.*

**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](mailto:st.marysre1870@gmail.com).