



# 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!

**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:	\$ 4,363.00
WeShare:	\$ 3,221.71
Offertory Envelopes:	\$ 6,752.00
Total Offertory:	\$ 14,336.71
Weekly Need:	\$ 15,000.00
<b>Shortfall</b>	<b>- \$ 663.29</b>

**Second Collection last weekend:**

Clergy Benefit Trust, \$3,930.05. Thank you!

**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/>.



**NO CONFESSIONS NEXT SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28:**

There will be no noontime Confessions next Saturday, September 28, due to the two Confirmation Ceremonies that day. Confessions are available at the

Fatima Shrine on Saturday, September 28 from 3 to 4 PM. Thank you!

**THE ROSE FOR LIFE:** Is sponsored this week by the Kevin Reilly Family. Please join them in prayer for an unborn child. To sponsor the Rose for Life for 2025 please contact the Rectory at 508-429-4427 or email [st.marys1870@gmail.com](mailto:st.marys1870@gmail.com).

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

<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.
<b>Monday</b>	<b>September 23</b>
9:00	Allen B. Hemenway
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>September 24</b>
9:00	Sr. Mary MacIsaac
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>September 25</b>
9:00	Helen Stewart
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>September 26</b>
9:00	John Cocchiarella
<b>Friday</b>	<b>September 27</b>
9:00	Holy Souls
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>September 28</b>
	* No Confessions today
5:00	Robert and Catherine Palmer
7:30	Jack Evans
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>September 29</b>
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Deceased Members of the Foti Family
11:30	Dante, Carmela & Crescenzo Camuso



**NEXT WEEKEND - 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 next 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).



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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

This weekend Jesus places a little child in His arms and says that whoever welcomes a child welcomes Him. Here at St. Mary's, adult parishioners are still urgently needed to welcome children in Jesus' name as Teachers of Religious Education. If you are a Confirmed, practicing member of this parish who could possibly help share Christ with St. Mary's children through Religious Education, then read today's Gospel on your own, pray over it, look at our children's need, and you will know what to do. A list of classes still in need of teachers is provided on the back of the bulletin. We are most grateful to those who have come forward!

While attending St. Anselm College, I was blessed to learn a little about the Benedictine monastic vocation and lifestyle. One aspect that impressed me was the Abbott's annual assignment of duties within the monastery. Bound by obedience, the monks accept whatever particular role the Abbot feels will best serve the needs of the community and each monk's own spiritual life at that moment. Often the matching up of a monk's gifts to a particular role is obvious. Sometimes, though, the Abbot assigns a role that truly causes a monk to leave his comfort zone as he learns to carry out unfamiliar duties. In this way, the monks are stretched and grow as Christian men.

I have no authority to assign parishioners to particular roles, though I often invite them. However, as you look over the ministry needs of our parish family, I encourage you to not limit yourself to the ones that seem obvious, more comfortable options for you. Try something brand new, a role perhaps that makes you a little nervous and uncomfortable; a ministry that is truly sacrificial. You will likely find that as you grow into such a responsibility, Christ's presence will start to grow in your life in very new and unexpected ways.

God bless you!

Rev. Mark J. Coiro

## TGIF KICK OFF TONIGHT!

(High School Youth Group): September 22, from 7 - 8:45 PM in Father Haley Hall! Open to all teens in Grades 9 - 12. Come enjoy fun games, prayer, growth in faith, and trip sign ups. Also, a video and teen witness about our 2024 summer mission trip to Mississippi! Information and pre-sign ups for next summer's 2025 TGIF mission trip to Mississippi!



### **The three things you NEED to bring:**

- 1) TGIF Registration Form signed by you and a parent or legal guardian.
- 2) TGIF Permission Slip / Waiver / Release Form signed by a parent or legal guardian. This covers all trips, meetings, and activities this year.
- 3) \$5 Monthly TGIF Membership Dues.

### **Two OPTIONAL (but very fun) things to bring:**

- 1) Sign Up Form for the October 19 Homeless Lunch Making Event.
- 2) Sign Up Form with Payment for the October 25 McCrae's Haunted Hayride and Scream House Trip!



## ADULT VOLUNTEER MEETING ~ MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH

**GROUP:** Tomorrow, 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 Catholic faith, may volunteer to be part of this joyful ministry. 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). Thank you!

## GRADE 11 CONFIRMATION REMINDERS:



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.

**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. Sign Ups will be held for the Friday, October 25 Trip to Barrett's Haunted Mansion! 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 - 6; Rehearses Wednesdays from 3:30 - 4:20 PM in the Lower Church Hall,

Youth Choir: Grades 7 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.



**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 24! Please contact Meghan Krenselewski at 978-421-5795 for details.



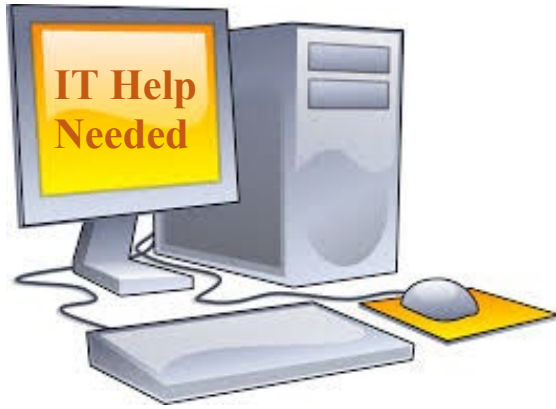
**WINGS:** Welcome to our 25<sup>th</sup> WINGS year and our 2024 Fall Season "*Called to Holiness - Becoming Our Best Selves.*" WINGS will begin on Wednesday, October 9, from 9:45 to 11:15 AM in Father Haley Hall and conclude on Wednesday, November 13. We hope you will join us either **in person or 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 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, 8 Church Street, Holliston, MA or pay at the door. For additional information about the WINGS ministry, please call Jen Schiller at 617-852-9632 or Diane Collins at 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).

## **NEXT WEEKEND - BOY SCOUT POPCORN SALES!**

Boy Scouts from Troop 14 will be selling Popcorn after all Masses on September 28 and 29, in the Parish Center Lobby. This annual fundraising event helps the Troop to reduce costs associated with our hiking and camping adventures throughout the year. Please stop by after Mass to check out the variety of popcorn available for sale. Cash and credit cards accepted. Thank you for your support!





**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!

**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.

**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.



**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS:** Sunday, October 6 at 1:30 PM. Parishioners are invited to bring their pets to the Lower Church as we celebrate the Church's Rite of the Blessing of Animals. Each pet will receive an individual blessing as we ask God's protection for our animal friends and remember that all living things are precious to Him. This blessing takes place in October as St. Francis of Assisi's Feast Day is this month, and he had a special love of the furred, finned and feathered creatures of the earth.

**NEW ALTAR SERVER CLASS:** Sunday, October 20 from 7 - 7:30 PM in the Church. Any parish youth currently in grades 4 - 12 may study to become an Altar Server. Just bring the youth accompanied by a parent with your family calendar to this planning meeting. Also, please email Patty Baribeau to indicate your interest: [st.marys.altarserver@gmail.com](mailto:st.marys.altarserver@gmail.com).

**BABYSHOWER FOR THE UNBORN:** October 26 & 27 at all Masses. Please bring new baby items and clothes to Mass and place them in or around the baby stroller in the sanctuary. These gifts will directly assist mothers in crisis pregnancies through the Pregnancy Help program of our Archdiocese. Thank you for supporting families and babies in their time of need! A Pregnancy Help Client Testimonial: *"When I got pregnant, I felt lonely, desperate, and confused. I found myself pregnant with no husband, no family, no money, no house and maybe no job. It was like being in a dark hole. I heard about Pregnancy Help, and they gave me the emotional and material support to get out of the confusion, to put aside all the obstacles that I thought I had and begin to take care of myself and my baby. I do not have words big enough to match the work they do."* Learn more at: [www.pregnancyhelpboston.org](http://www.pregnancyhelpboston.org).



We need good, faithful people to volunteer and teach our

children and youth. Christ has commissioned us to bring the Good News to all. Go to our website and register to teach a class at <https://stmarysholliston.com/>. Click the banner that leads you to the volunteer box. Then click the volunteer box and complete the form to choose the grade, time and day that meets your schedule. **See our Teacher and Monitor Needs Chart Below:**

GRADE	DAY AND TIME	TEACHER NEEDS	MONITOR NEEDS
<b>SUNDAY</b>			
GR-2	10:45 to 9:25 AM	1 Adult	Filled
GR-3	7:55 to 9:25 AM	1 Adult	Filled
GR-3	10:45 AM to 12:15 PM	1 Adult	1
GR-4	10:45 AM to 12:15 PM	1 Adult	1
GR-5	10:45 AM to 12:15 PM	2 Adults	1
GR-6	4:00 to 5:30 PM	2 Adults	1
<b>MONDAY</b>			
GR-7	7:00 to 8:30 PM	<b>3 Adults</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>			
GR-3	4:00 to 5:30 PM	2 Adults	Filled
GR-4	4:00 to 5:30 PM	2 Adults	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	<b>3 Adults</b>	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	<b>3 Adults</b>	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	<b>1</b>
GR-10	7:00 to 8:30 PM	2 Adults	<b>1</b>

**GRADE 4 AND 5 TOURS OF THE CHURCH:** Grades 4 and 5 will begin in the church on Sunday, September 29 and Tuesday, October 1 at 4:00 PM. There will be an opportunity to receive information to join the Choir and to sign up for Altar Server training.

**CLOW - CHILDREN K-6: CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:** Today, Sunday, September 22, the children will be dismissed from the main assembly and led to the lower church hall to hear what Jesus has to tell them in the Gospel. Please note: Younger children must be accompanied by parents and able to sit and engage in the lesson. Older children are welcome to assist the adults.

**SEE THE CHART BELOW FOR 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-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, you are set.*

**PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN WORKSHOPS:**  
**Thursday, October 17, 6:00 to 9:00 PM**  
**Saturday, October 19, 9:00 AM to Noon**  
**Saturday, October 26, 9:00 AM to Noon**  
 If you would like to attend any of these trainings, please register at [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org). Select First-Time Registrant / Boston, MA (Archdiocese) / Start Registration and follow the prompts. You will need to create an account id and password to sign-up. Thank you!