

St. Mary's Parish



Our Mission:

"To know Christ and to make Him known."

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.

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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!



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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

Today's Gospel depicts a young man who clings to worldly possessions rather than following Christ. Yet in the end, our relationship with Jesus is the only thing we have of real value. It is the one thing that lasts, when ultimately our earthly life weakens and fades. To his credit, the young man was very interested in salvation, asking Jesus the important question, "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus then looked deep into the young man's heart to see what was preventing him from giving his whole self to God. In the young man's case, it was wealth, and so that is what Jesus challenged him to give up.

As Jesus looks into each of us today, what does He see that has a greater hold on us than God's love? Is Jesus asking us through greater charity to give up the hold that money has on us? Is He through forgiveness asking us to give up the hold that anger has on us? We each have that which binds us to this broken world, things we cling to that keep us from fully following Jesus. It takes humility to recognize those bonds, and the help of God to sever them.

It is not by accident that today's second reading described God's Word as being "sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating even between soul and spirit, joints and marrow, and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart." The Bible has the power to help you face the truth about yourself and about God. It has the power to free you, as you discover God's plan for your life. That is perhaps the greatest gift the Bible can give to any of us.

"Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" asked the young man. If you are interested in the answer to that question - then start reading the Bible. Pick a Gospel. Read a chapter each day. Allow a few minutes to reflect on what you've read. Ask yourself - what is God trying to say to you personally at this moment in your life. Then, in the words of St. Paul, "Let the Word of God dwell in you richly."

In Christ's Service and Yours,

Rev. Mark J. Coiro

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

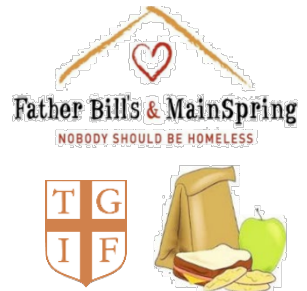


Our next event is the Trip to Barrett's Haunted Mansion on **Friday, October 25**. Remember, departure is at 4:30 PM sharp!

Our next MSYG Meeting is **Sunday, November 3** from 6:30 – 8 PM in Fr. Haley Hall. There will be a Giant Milk and Cookie Bar, Cookie Walk Sign Ups, Paintball Signups, Celtics Signups, and Nursing Home BINGO Signups. As always, expect faith, friendship and lots of fun!

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

T.G.I.F (Teens Gather In Faith): We are looking forward to our Sandwich Making Event for the Homeless on **Saturday, October 19** from 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM in Father Haley Hall.



Then it's on to the biggest Haunted Hayride in New England on **Friday, October 25!**

Our next Meeting is **Sunday, October 27** from 7:00 - 9:00 PM (note slightly longer meeting time). Parents and Guardians, please come from 7:00 - 7:30 PM to hear Jess from Repair and Replenish Retreat Missions provide Mission Trip 2025 information. Mission Paperwork will be given out at this meeting. If you have not yet joined High School Youth Group, and are interested, email st.marysTGIF1870@gmail.com. All High School Students are Welcome! Teens and adults, be sure to check out our Instagram @stmarys_tgif.

TGIF SUMMER MISSION TRIP



We are excited to announce the confirmed dates for next summer's Mission Trip to Mississippi! We will be departing on **Sunday, July 27, and flying back on Saturday, August 2**. Save the dates! Any teen who is an active member of St. Mary's TGIF High School Youth Group is eligible. Join us!

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 NEXT WEEKEND:

Next week's second collection supports Catholic World Missions. The funds gathered on World Mission Sunday are distributed in the pope's name by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith - a Pontifical Mission Society. Please visit www.propfaithboston.org for more information.

OFFERTORY LAST WEEKEND:

Automatic Giving:	\$ 8,075.00
WeShare:	\$ 5,911.73
Offertory Envelopes:	\$ 6,491.00
Total Offertory:	\$ 20,477.73

Thank you to all who made up missed offertory!

Second Collection last weekend: Holy Father's Peter's Pence collection, \$3,319.68. 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/>.

PANTRY SHELF BACK TO SCHOOL HELP:

Pasta, spaghetti, tomato paste, pasta sauce, Campbell's Chunky Soup, jelly, paper towels, Progresso Soup, Mac and Cheese, canned corn, tuna 5 oz., Beefaroni, canned turkey/chicken, canned peaches 15 oz, snacks, juice boxes and shampoo. Donations may be dropped off in the tan bin by the main parking lot entrance.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday	October 12
5:00	Susan Johnson
7:30	Frances Ann Bianco
Sunday	October 13
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Healing for Unhealthy Attachments
11:30	Joan M. Smith
Monday	October 14
9:00	First Communion for Silas Marshall
Tuesday	October 15
9:00	Rev. John W. McElroy
Wednesday	October 16
9:00	Kenneth Croke, Louise Croke and Michael Mansfield
Thursday	October 17
9:00	Holy Souls
Friday	October 18
9:00	Paul T. Shea
Saturday	October 19
5:00	Marc Levasseur
7:30	Alan King
Sunday	October 20
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Fr. Haley and Sr. Ricci
11:30	Deceased Members of the Fleischer Family



**NEXT
 SATURDAY -
 RED CROSS
 BLOOD
 DRIVE IN
 MEMORY
 OF MARC
 LEVASSEUR:**

Celebrate life and make a difference by giving blood next Saturday, October 19 in Father Haley Hall from 8 AM - 1 PM. Blood is needed for different kinds of patients. It could be a young child with a rare blood disorder, a family member fighting cancer, or a friend in a car accident. The need is constant, the gratification is instant.

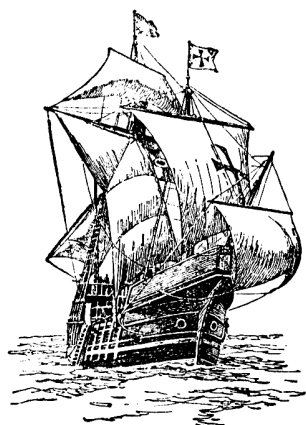
Streamline your donation experience and save 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment. Please schedule an appointment to donate at this special blood drive. You'll feel good knowing you've helped change the lives of patients in need. Give blood!

THIS WEEKEND ~ K. OF C. TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE:

The Knights of Columbus will be conducting the annual Tootsie Roll Drive this weekend after all Masses to ask for your donations and handout Tootsie Rolls. This nationwide effort supports Special Needs Charities, assisting persons with intellectual disabilities. Last year it raised a hundred and eighty five million dollars for Special Needs.



**THANK YOU ST. MARY'S KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
COUNCIL # 14224 FOR THE GIFT YOU ARE TO OUR PARISH
IN SO MANY WAYS. MAY GOD BLESS YOU
IN YOUR BEAUTIFUL WORKS!**



COLUMBUS DAY: Tomorrow, October 14, many across our Nation will be observing 'Columbus Day'; the day our country sets aside as a legal holiday to celebrate the discovery of America.

Many are unsure why we call this celebration 'Columbus Day', as we know that Christopher Columbus never reached the United States. There are also historians that note other explorers and information on the colonization of the Americas prior to Columbus' landing in 1492. And, certainly, it is well known that our 'Native Americans' crossed the Bering Strait from Siberia to Alaska, traveled throughout the lands now know as the Americas, and established villages herein long before Columbus' 'discovery'.

Yet, with the understanding that the explorations and findings of Columbus were the first that led to continued expeditions to the Americas by European powers to colonize and build trade networks in the 'New World', we give title to our country's day of 'discovery' as 'Columbus Day.'

Whatever understanding we hold of our country's beginnings, whatever we choose to call this day in our hearts, and however we choose to celebrate the day in which we as a nation recognize the discovery of our country, this is an excellent day to step back and give thanks to the Almighty for all the blessings and freedoms we have in this land!

May we pray together today, in great thanksgiving, speaking aloud of our gratefulness for our liberties and our appreciation for those willing to serve that we may remain free! A land of opportunity, a land of prosperity, a land of hope where the accomplishment of dreams is a reality given to us!

Today, as we remember how very blessed we are, may we also hold in special prayer each member of our Armed Forces, our veterans, their family members, and the families of those who have given the ultimate sacrifice that our country may remain strong, united, and without defeat! We have a bounty of blessings each day we live ~ may we thank God and all those brave souls instilled with the courage to fight for this land and its people! - By Rev. Lin McGee

A COLUMBUS DAY PRAYER: Heavenly Father, hear our prayer as we observe this national holiday. Help us to have a greater awareness of your magnificent gifts to us, the riches of our land, the splendors of the diverse peoples who form our country. Help us to view all your good gifts with respect and gratitude. Help us to understand that we need the forgiveness of those who lived first in this land, and to learn to respect it as they did. Heal our divisions and bring us to unity and peace. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.



WINGS: (Women in God's Spirit) is a ministry of encouragement and enrichment for women of all ages who seek to deepen their faith and grow in relationship with God and one another. Our Fall Season theme is *"Called to Holiness - Becoming Our Best Selves."* **It continues Wednesday, October 16, from 10:00 to 11:15 AM in Father Haley Hall in person and also through Zoom.** Our theme this week is *"Be What You Are."* We are all called to be holy; the important thing is that each believer discerns her own path using the best of herself and the gifts God gave her. Babysitting is provided. 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. Please make checks payable to St. Mary's Parish, and mail to St. Mary's Parish, 8 Church St., Holliston, 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.

WINGS is looking for babysitters for our WINGS meetings. WINGS meets on Wednesday mornings from 9:45 to 11:15 AM for 6 weeks in the fall, winter, and spring. The stipend is \$30.00 for the morning even if there are no children. Babysitters must have taken Protecting God's Children (or be willing to) and have a current CORI form. If you are interested, please email stmaryswingssecretary@gmail.com.

ST. MARY'S MOM'S PRAYER GROUP: Join us this Tuesday, October 15, in Fr. Haley Hall as 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 toys and coloring activities available. Please contact Meghan Krenselewski at 978-421-5795 for details.



JOIN US FOR MARRIAGE FELLOWSHIP ~ THIS THURSDAY: St. Mary's Marriage Fellowship is a parish ministry that provides opportunities for married couples to support and encourage each other as we grow spiritually and live in accordance with God's plan for marriage. 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! Our next reflection is this Thursday, October 17 from 6:30 - 8:00 PM in Sister Ricci House. We're grateful to announce that 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. For questions or comments, please contact the Nunes/Onak Families at: stmarysmarriagefellowship@gmail.com.

ANNUAL TRAINING FOR NEW ALTAR SERVERS



St. Mary's youths between 4th - 12th Grades are needed to serve at the Lord's altar at Holy Mass. Altar Servers prepare the sanctuary for Mass and assist during the celebration of Mass. They also occasionally serve at Weddings and other special celebrations in the life of the Church. Altar Servers are usually scheduled for two Masses in a five-week period.

**ALL INTERESTED BOYS AND GIRLS ARE INVITED TO A MEETING
NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, FROM 7 - 7:30 PM IN THE CHURCH.**

Any parish youth in Grades 4 - 12 interested in becoming an Altar Server should attend this meeting with a parent and their family calendar. We will plan the training schedule together according to the kids' activity schedules. This ministry is a beautiful way to support the worship life at St. Mary's and to serve God. If possible, please also email Patty Baribeau to indicate your interest:
st.marys.altarserver@gmail.com.



COME SING WITH US!

The St. Mary's Music Ministry is delighted to have interested participants try out a choir rehearsal. Contact Abbey Kelley-Lanser, Music Director, at musicatstmarysholliston@gmail.com or call 508-429-6076 ext. 224 to connect.

Children's Choir: Grades 3 - 6; Rehearses Wednesdays 3:30 - 4:20 PM in the Lower Church Hall.

Youth Choir: Grades 7 and above; Rehearses Wednesdays 4:00 - 5:00 PM in the Lower Church Hall.

Adult Choir: Ages 13 and above; Rehearses Thursdays 7:00 - 9:00 PM in the Lower Church Hall.



RESPECT LIFE MONTH

A Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life

Dearest St. Joseph,
at the word of an angel,
you lovingly took Mary into your home.
As God's humble servant, you guided
the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem,
welcomed Jesus as your own son
in the shelter of a manger,
and fled far from your homeland
for the safety of both Mother and Child.

We praise God that as their faithful protector,
you never hesitated to sacrifice
for those entrusted to you.
May your example inspire us also
to welcome, cherish, and safeguard
God's most precious gift of life.

Help us to faithfully commit ourselves
to the service and defense of human life—
especially where it is vulnerable or threatened.

Obtain for us the grace to do
the will of God in all things.

Amen.



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BABYSHOWER FOR THE UNBORN: October 26 and 27 at all St. Mary's 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! Learn more at: www.pregnancyhelpboston.org.

PROJECT RACHEL POST-ABORTION HEALING RETREAT: Are you, or someone you know, seeking peace after an abortion? The Project Rachel ministry of the Archdiocese of Boston extends a special invitation to women experiencing regret from a past abortion to attend a "Come to the Waters of Healing One-Day Retreat" on Saturday, November 16 from 9 AM - 5 PM. Location is confidential. For more information on retreats or other services, contact Project Rachel at 508-651-3100 or help@projectrachelboston.com. A testimonial from an attendee: *"I am 100% sure that without the help of Project Rachel and the people who work there I would never have felt God's forgiveness. It was what I had been missing from my life. Saying the two words 'Thank You' seem so small for all that they do. I can never repay the kindness, love and safety I felt going there on that cold winter Saturday."*

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 2025 please contact the Rectory at 508-429-4427 or email st.marys1870@gmail.com.

CLOW - CHILDREN K-6 - CHILDREN'S LITURGY

OF THE WORD: Today, Sunday, October 13, the children will be dismissed from the main church with a Leader to the lower church hall to listen and learn what Jesus teaches us in the Gospel reading. Younger children are welcome **but must be accompanied by their parents** and be able to sit and engage in the lesson.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS SCHEDULE
COMING WEEKS**

DAY	GRADE	GRADE
Sun., Oct. 13	NO CLASSES	
Tues., Oct. 15	GR-10 at 7:00 PM	
Thur. Oct. 17	GR-10 at 7:00 PM	
Sun., Oct. 20	GR-K at 9:15 AM	GR-2 at 8:15 AM
	GR-2 at 10:45 AM	GR-3 at 7:55 AM
	GR-3 at 10:45 AM	
Mon., Oct. 21	GR-7 at 7:00 PM	
Tues., Oct. 22	GR-3 at 4:00 PM	GR-4 at 4:00 PM
	GR-5 at 4:00 PM	GR-6 at 4:00 PM
	GR-6 at 5:00 PM	GR-8/9 at 7:00 PM
Wed., Oct. 23	GR-2 at 4:15 PM	GR-4 at 4:00 PM
	GR-7 at 7:00 PM	
Thur., Oct 24	GR-8/9 at 7:00 PM	

TEACHERS ARE STILL NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOWING GRADES: 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, day and time that meets your schedule.

Please see our needs below:

Grade 2, Sunday: 10:45 AM to Noon, Co-Teacher.

Grade 3, Sunday: 7:55 AM to 9:25 AM, Teacher.

Grade 5, Sunday: 10:45 AM to 12:15 PM, Assistant.

Grade 3, Tuesday: 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM. The present class is too large with 12 children and needs to be split to form two classes of 6 children each.

Grade 6, Tuesday: 4:00 to 5:30 PM, Assistant

Grade 2, Wednesday: 4:15 PM to 5:30 PM, 3 Teachers.

MONITORS ARE NEEDED ON ALTERNATE WEEKS (90 MINUTE CLASSES):

Sunday, Grades 4 and 5: 10:45AM to 12:15 PM.

Tuesday, Grade 10: 7:00 to 8:30 PM.

Thursday, Grade 8/9: 7:00 to 8:30 PM.

Thursday Grade 10: 7:00 to 8:30 PM.

GRADE 10 ~ CONFIRMATION YEAR 2: On Tuesday, October 15 and Thursday, October 17, 7 to 8:30 PM, students are to report to Fr. Haley Hall for their first class session.

CORI VOLUNTEER RENEWAL ALERT: If you are an active volunteer (18+ years) in any ministry, we must have a completed **2024 CORI**. Volunteer CORI forms - renewals and new - must be signed and verified in person with a license by any staff member.

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. 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!

GRADE 2 INSCRIPTION MASS ~ SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20 AT 4:00 PM: The Grade 2 children and their families will come together on Sunday, October 20 for our traditional Inscription Mass where the children present their hearts to Jesus that they made in class. Their parents make promises to help their children at home and faithfully bring them to class and to Mass each week. Please pray for our second graders during the year that they will receive Jesus with open hearts with joy in Holy Communion.

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 Jesus Christ. Please know that in order to enter into the new Confirmation Program for Grade 7 it is important that the youth complete their formation. If your child needs to be prepared to receive the Sacraments of Baptism or First Communion contact us at st.marysdre1870@gmail.com.

