



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY



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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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,

I am away this weekend to take part in the annual Investiture Weekend for the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem. The Mission of the Order is to help preserve Christianity, and foster peace, in the Lands of Christ.

St. Mary's is blessed to have seventeen lay Knights and Dames of the Holy Sepulchre. This weekend our Parish Business Manager, Mrs. Mary Sanning, will also be invested as a Dame. Congratulations Mary! Let us all pray and work to support our Christian brothers and sisters in the land of Our Saviour's birth.

"We do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has similarly been tested in every way." What consolation comes to us through these words from today's second reading! There is no struggle, no conflict, no fear that Jesus has not faced before us, and for us. When we walk through darkness we know this is the path that Jesus has already trod, and that He understands what we're experiencing as no other possibly could.

There is an old French proverb, *"Tout comprendre c'est tout pardonner"* - *"To understand all is to forgive all."* The heart of the mystery of the Incarnation is that Jesus understands us because He is now truly one of us. In His understanding lies our great confidence in His mercy and forgiveness.

In next Sunday's Gospel the disciples will tell Bartimaeus *"You have nothing to fear from Jesus."* And the same is true for any of us who approach Jesus in humility, repentance, and love. Let us strive to better understand and love one another as Jesus did.

In Christ's Peace,

Rev. Mark J. Coiro

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION



On Friday, November 1, Catholics around the world will celebrate the Feast of All Saints - honoring all Holy Men, Women, and Children who have attained eternal life in heaven. Where they have gone, we hope one day to follow.

**All Saints Holy Day Masses at
St. Mary's will be celebrated on
Friday, November 1
at 9 AM and 5:30 PM.**

MONTH OF ALL SOULS CANDLELIGHT MASS



Wednesday, November 6: This Special Mass at 7:00 PM will include a candlelight memorial, with a reading of the names of all those buried from our parish since All Souls last year. A candle inscribed with each name will be lit, which the family is invited to take home after the Mass. Any and all parishioners are invited to come pray for their own departed loved ones at this beautiful celebration of faith and hope.

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 & GIRLS ARE INVITED TO A MEETING TONIGHT, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, FROM 7 – 7:30 PM IN THE CHURCH.

Any parish youth in 4th grade on up 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 for young people to serve God.

Why did I become an Altar Server? Here's what some servers said!

"It's more interesting to have a job at Mass instead of just sitting in the pew."

"I thought it was cool to know the names of everything and how to set up the Church."

"My family wasn't getting to Mass very much before. I thought my becoming an Altar Server would help us, and it did!"

"I wanted to do something for God."

ST. MARY'S NEW ALTAR SERVERS INSTALLATION MASS



ST. MARY'S BLESSING OF SENIOR ALTAR SERVERS

"You are blessed to be particularly close to Christ Jesus in the Eucharist. You have the enormous privilege of being close to the altar, close to the Lord. I pray that being an altar server will help you deepen your friendship with Christ and enthusiastically share God's love with your friends and families."

~ Pope Benedict XVI,
Address to Altar Servers



ST. MARY'S SENIOR ALTAR SERVERS SCHOLARSHIP MASS



ST. MARY'S ALTAR SERVERS ANNUAL APPRECIATION TRIP TO 6 FLAGS



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

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY:

World Mission Sunday is a day set aside for the Catholic Church throughout the world to publicly renew its

commitment to the missionary movement. It is celebrated on the third Sunday of October every year. It was created by Pope Pius XI in 1926 as the day of prayer and propaganda of missions.

It's the one Sunday in the year when the entire global Church comes together to support the missions. And every single donation from these worldwide Masses goes to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor.

Every Catholic community, in every country, sends a powerful message of faith, hope and love on this special day.

This is our chance to show love and solidarity to our global Church family. Through our prayers, we support missionaries everywhere in spreading the Good News. And by donating we respond to Christ's call to feed the hungry and clothe the naked.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND:

Today'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.



POPE FRANCIS:

"Go and Invite Everyone to the Banquet."

Matthew 22:9



In his 2024 World Mission Sunday message, which celebrates missionaries and their work, Pope Francis reflects on the Gospel parable of the Wedding Banquet, where the king tells his servants *"Go therefore to the thoroughfares and invite to the marriage feast as many as you find."* The invitation to the banquet is linked to the Eucharistic table, where believers share the Body and Blood of Christ, anticipating the final banquet.

The Holy Father writes, *"Here it should be remembered that breaking our material bread with the hungry in the name of Christ is already a work of Christian mission. How much more so is the breaking of the Eucharistic bread, which is Christ himself, a work of mission par excellence, since the Eucharist is the source and summit of the life and mission of the Church."*

As Pope Benedict XVI pointed out: *"We cannot keep to ourselves the love we celebrate in the Sacrament [of the Eucharist]. By its very nature, it asks to be communicated to everyone. What the world needs is the love of God, to encounter Christ and believe in him. For this reason the Eucharist is not only the source and summit of the life of the Church; it is also the source and summit of her mission: 'An authentically Eucharistic Church is a missionary Church'"* (Sacramentum Caritatis, 84).

Click [HERE](#) to read Pope Francis' entire 2024 World Mission Sunday message.

NEXT WEEKEND, BABY SHOWER 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.



OFFERTORY LAST WEEKEND:

Automatic Giving:	\$ 2,833.00
WeShare:	\$ 3,363.67
Offertory Envelopes:	\$ 7,684.00
Total Offertory:	\$ 13,880.67
Weekly Need:	\$ 15,000.00

Shortfall - \$ 1,119.33

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, and canned turkey/chicken. Donations may be dropped off in the tan bin by St. Mary's main parking lot entrance.

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.



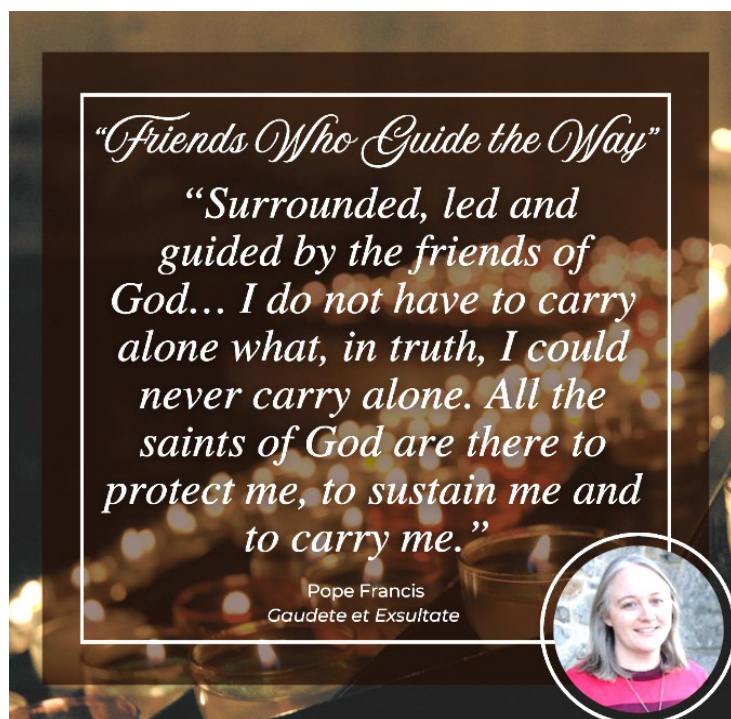
Saturday	October 19
5:00	Marc Levasseur
7:30	Alan King
Sunday	October 20
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Fr. Haley and Sr. Ricci
11:30	Departed Members of the Fleischer Family
4:00	Grade 2 Inscription Mass
Monday	October 21
9:00	Dolores Wilverding, 8 th Anv.
Tuesday	October 22
9:00	Frances Ann Bianco
Wednesday	October 23
9:00	Marybeth Harmon
Thursday	October 24
9:00	Julia Wickes
Friday	October 25
9:00	(Living) For Those Asking Prayers
Saturday	October 26
5:00	Frank and Olga Proto
7:30	Mary Lou Rivernider and James Leverone
Sunday	October 27
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Scott Edwards
11:30	Emelia Bourque, 8 th Anv.

WINGS: (Women in God's Spirit) Fall Season "Called to Holiness: Becoming Our Best Selves" continues this Wednesday, October 23, from 10:00 to 11:15 AM in Father Haley Hall in person and through Zoom. Our speaker will be Sr. Colleen Gibson, SSJ, Coordinator of Pastoral Care at St. John - St. Paul Collaborative in Wellesley and member of Catholic Women Preach. Our topic is "Friends Who Guide the Way."

Pope Francis has reminded us of the friendship and guidance provided by the Saints on our path to holiness. All women are welcome. Babysitting is provided.

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/>.

Register at stmaryswingssecretary@gmail.com.





MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Our next event is the Trip to Barrett's Haunted Mansion on **this 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 Signups, 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): Our next **TGIF Adventure** is this coming Friday, October 25, to the biggest Haunted Hayride in New England! Departure is at 4:00 PM sharp from the St. Mary's Center. Do not be late, please arrive at 3:45 PM if possible. We stop at Charlton Rest Stop on Mass Pike to grab dinner (bring cash or card for this). We arrive at McCray's Farm in South Hadley Mass, at 6:30 PM. At 7 PM, the Haunted Hayrides start, with 30 teens to a wagon. We expect to cycle our teens through between 7 - 8:00 PM, then enjoy homemade ice cream at the farm! Our return is around 10:30 PM to St. Mary's, and we will call 15 minutes out. (It's hard to predict exactly due to traffic and Hayride lines).

Don't forget to return your Diocesan Youth Rally Signup Forms with payment **by this coming Thursday, October 24!** The event is Sunday, November 3, but the signups close this week. Just slide them under the door to the office of Lisa Dufault, High School Youth Minister (located off the Lower Church Hall).

Our next **TGIF 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. The Mission Trip is **Sunday, July 27 - August 2**, save the dates! Mission Paperwork will be given out at the meeting. Any teen who is an active member of St. Mary's TGIF High School Youth Group is eligible. Join us! 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.



ST. MARY'S MOM'S PRAYER GROUP: Join us this Tuesday, October 22, 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.

WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS: *"Grant me, O Lord my God, a mind to know you, a heart to seek you, wisdom to find you, conduct pleasing to you, faithful perseverance in waiting for you, and a hope of finally embracing you."* - St. Thomas Aquinas

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 (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."*

CLOW - CHILDREN K-6 - CHILDREN'S LITURGY

OF THE WORD: Today, Sunday, October 20, 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 a parent** and be able to sit and engage in the lesson.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS SCHEDULE
COMING WEEKS**

DAY	GRADE	GRADE
Sun., Oct. 20	GR-K at 9:15 AM	
	GR-2 at 8:10 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	
Sun., Oct. 27	GR-1 at 8:10 AM	GR-4 at 10:45 AM
	GR-5 at 10:45 AM	GR-6 at 4:00 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, Teacher.

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, 2 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.

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GRADE 8/9 ~ CONFIRMATION YEAR 1: On Tuesday, October 22 and Thursday, October 24, 7 to 8:30 PM, students are to report to Fr. Haley Hall for their second 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:
Saturday, October 26, 9:00 AM to Noon.

Please register to attend a training if you need to fulfill this requirement to participate in any ministry. 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 TODAY AT

4:00 PM: The Grade 2 children and their families will come together today for our traditional Inscription Mass where the children present their hearts to Jesus that they made in class. Parents and children must arrive by 3:45 PM to be seated.



HOLLISTON NEWCOMERS THANKSGIVING

DRIVE: Thanksgiving is right around the corner and Holliston Newcomers & Neighbors is helping to provide **gift cards** to those in need through the Holliston Pantry Shelf and other local organizations that support the Holliston youth, such as Head Start and Wayside Youth & Families. Many families depend on these gift cards to make their Thanksgiving Day special. Again we are asking for monetary donations to support these efforts. Please visit the HNN Donations webpage at <http://www.hollistonnewcomers.org/donations> and select Thanksgiving. If you want to mail your donation, please send a check made out to Holliston Newcomers & Neighbors to Katrine Giroux, 147 Mohawk Path, Holliston, and note that it is for Thanksgiving. We are also collecting **handmade Thanksgiving Cards** which can be dropped off at 922 Highland Street, Holliston - a bin will be at the front door. *Please submit your donation or drop off your cards by Sunday, November 17.* Thank you!