



FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

A Holy Day of Obligation

Friday, November 1

Masses celebrated at

9 AM & 5:30 PM



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: Announced

Adoration Schedule:

First Fridays, After Mass
from 9:30 - 10:30 AM

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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 call the rectory to register. 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!

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 LAST WEEKEND:

Catholic World Missions \$2,413.66. Thank you!

OFFERTORY LAST WEEKEND:

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| Automatic Giving: | \$ 3,131.50 |
| WeShare: | \$ 3,385.14 |
| Offertory Envelopes: | \$ 5,891.00 |
| Total Offertory: | \$ 12,407.64 |
| Weekly Need: | \$ 15,000.00 |

Shortfall - \$ 2,592.36

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/>.



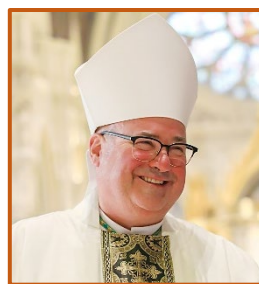
THIS WEEKEND,
BABY SHOWER FOR
THE UNBORN: At all St. Mary's Masses. Please bring new baby items and clothes to Mass and place them in or around the baby stroller in the sanctuary. These gifts will directly assist

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.

MASS INTENTIONS:

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| 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. |
| Monday | October 28 |
| 9:00 | Carol Vara |
| Tuesday | October 29 |
| 9:00 | Robert F. Kolb |
| Wednesday | October 30 |
| 9:00 | Joan Legee |

Thursday October 31 ~ NO 9 AM MASS



Today is the Installation of Boston's New Archbishop, Richard Henning. You are invited to watch the Installation Mass live with [this link](#) from CatholicTV, beginning with the procession at 1:30 PM.

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| Friday | November 1 |
| 9:00 | All Saints Holy Day Mass |
| 5:30 | All Saints Holy Day Mass |
| Saturday | November 2 |
| 5:00 | Elizabeth Walker MacLeod |
| 7:30 | People of St. Mary's |
| Sunday | November 3 |
| 7:30 | Judy Cruz |
| 9:30 | Agnes Kovacs |
| 11:30 | Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus |

~ NEXT SUNDAY ~

UPSTAIRS CLOW: Next Sunday, November 3, at the 9:30 AM Mass, followed by D.J. & C.

DONUTS, JUICE AND COFFEE: Please join us in Fr. Haley Hall next Sunday, November 3, after the 9:30 AM Mass, for free refreshments and camaraderie. D.J. & C. is also a great chance to welcome new families who have joined our parish. Members of the Parish Pastoral Council will be attending D.J. & C. and welcome any comments or ideas you have for St. Mary's. Please join us.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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

This time of year, we often see guidelines for a safe Halloween. They include such advice as making sure our children wear bright, reflective clothing; only accepting candy from homes we know; and throwing out any unwrapped items that could potentially have been subject to tampering. It might be appropriate then, to pause and consider some tips for a "spiritually safe" Halloween. In reflecting on the First Commandment, for instance, the Catechism of the Catholic Church offers the following reminders:

"All forms of divination are to be rejected: recourse to Satan or demons, conjuring up the dead or other practices falsely supposed to 'unveil' the future. Consulting horoscopes, astrology, palm reading, interpretation of omens and lots, the phenomena of clairvoyance, and recourse to mediums all conceal a desire for power over time, history, and, in the last analysis, other human beings, as well as a wish to conciliate hidden powers. They contradict the honor, respect, and love that we owe to God alone.

All practices of magic or sorcery, by which one attempts to tame occult powers, so as to place them at one's service and have a supernatural power over others - even if this were for the sake of restoring their health - are gravely contrary to the virtue of religion." (C.C.C. art. 2116 & 2117)

These cautions, which might seem quite removed from our everyday lives, can be timely around Halloween. This is the season when under the guise of games and innocent fun, Ouija boards are placed out at parties, friends dare friends to participate in séances, or even to go and have their fortunes told. It is true that the faithful Christian has absolutely nothing to fear from spiritual evil of any type. For as St. Paul reminds us, *"To the name of Jesus every knee must bend, of those that are in heaven, on earth, and under the earth"* (Phil. 2:10).

However, when we freely choose to open ourselves up, even jokingly, to supernatural forces other than the One, True God, then we render ourselves vulnerable. At worst (and rarely) we might attract some malevolent spiritual attention. At best, we are invoking and placing our needs before powers other than Jesus Christ, a rejection of the One who shed His blood to free us from darkness in all its forms.

Perhaps the most important thing for Catholic parents to make sure of is that Halloween festivities do not outshine or distract from the great Feast of All the

Saints. "Halloween" stands for "All Hallow's Eve" - the Vigil of the Feast of "All Saints" on November 1. That is the feast day when Catholics honor the memories of the holy men, women, and children who witnessed their faith in Christ in this life and now dwell with Him eternally in glory.

Halloween is a fun night, and as always, the rectory will be decked out and well stocked with goodies for the little ones who come by (angel costumes get you extra)! But I encourage our parents this week to take a little time out from the costumes and candy to share with their children the story of at least one saint; someone to inspire them in holiness and assist them in prayer.

What message would we be sending if our kids see us go all out for Halloween - decorations, candy, costumes, tons of time and effort ... only to do nothing to honor the Saints of God the very next day? All the Saints of God. The ones we are called to imitate. And whose joyful company we hope to share when our earthly journey is complete.

God bless you!

Rev. Mark J. Coiro



JESUS & JACK-O-LANTERNS POEM

I am like a pumpkin
Shining bright on Halloween
God picked me from the patch
Washed the dirt and made me clean

He wanted me to shine
So He scooped the bad parts out
Removing seeds of fear
Seeds of anger and of doubt

God's love fills up my heart
It brings a smile to my face
The light of Christ shines bright
And the darkness is erased

Now I am full of light
Like the pumpkins that you see
I want everyone to know
That Jesus Christ is in me



FOR ALL THE SAINTS!

This coming Friday, November 1, we celebrate a great Feast of the Church - the Solemnity of All Saints. The Church has always honored those early witnesses to the Christian faith who have died in the Lord. In fact the Greek word for 'witness' is martyr. During the first three hundred years Christians were severely persecuted, often suffering torture and violent death - because they were faithful. They refused to deny Christ, even when this denial might have saved their own lives, or the lives of their children and families. The early history of the Church is filled with stories of the heroic faith of these witnesses to Christ's truth. The stories of these saints - these baptized Christians of all ages and all states in life, whose fidelity and courage led to their sanctity or holiness - have provided models for every other Christian throughout history.



THE SAINT CHALLENGE! The Saint Challenge is a year-long series of challenges based on the saint of the day. In 90 seconds you'll learn a little fact about the saint of the day, and be given a challenge inspired by that saint. It could be a corporal or spiritual work of mercy, or something to improve your interior life and your relationship with God and neighbor. The Saint Challenge is free, and you can find more information and sign up at <https://catholictreehouse.com/the-saint-challenge/>. Let's be saints!



BROKEN ROSARIES? Problem: Your favorite rosary or chaplet came apart, and you can't get it back together. Solution: Bring it to the November 3 D.J. & C. and we'll try to fix it! (Suggested donation, \$1. Sorry, no flex wire or string rosaries. We're good, but not that good.)

THE ROSE FOR LIFE: Is sponsored this week by Liz Theiler in memory of Emelia Bourque. Please join her 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.

ST. MARY'S MOM'S PRAYER GROUP: Join us this Tuesday, October 29, 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. Contact: Meghan Krenselewski, 978-421-5795.

Saints Next Door
"Saints-in-progress" in the
Church can inspire us on our
journey toward holiness but
so can neighbors and friends.
These "saints next door"
might be the very thing God
has planned for our own
personal growth
in holiness.



SMCWG: St. Mary's Catholic Women's Group will hold their Fundraiser in the Parish lobby on Sunday, November 3 after the 9:30 and 11:30 AM Masses. Holiday gifts, cards, a kid's corner, 50/50 and more will be available with all monies being donated to charities. Cash and personal checks are accepted.

WINGS: Our exciting Fall Season on "Our Call to Holiness" continues this Wednesday, October 30 from 10:00 to 11:15 AM in Father Haley Hall in person and through Zoom. Our topic is "Saints Next Door" and our speaker will be Deacon Ron Dowding, permanent St. Mary's deacon. Well known people in the Church can inspire us on our journey toward holiness but so can neighbors and friends who exude virtues such as fortitude, patience, love, and perseverance. All women are welcome. Childcare 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/>. To register email stmaryswingssecretary@gmail.com.



JOIN US AT OUR NEXT T.G.I.F. MEETING **TONIGHT! SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27** FROM 7:00 - 9:00 PM. PARENTS/GUARDIANS ARE ASKED TO JOIN US FROM 7:00 - 7:30 PM TO HEAR A 2025 MISSION TRIP PRESENTATION. TEENS COME DEEPEN YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST WHILE CONNECTING WITH FRIENDS. GROW IN OUR FAITH TOGETHER AND BUILD LASTING FRIENDSHIPS ROOTED IN CHRIST. **ALL HIGH SCHOOLERS ARE WELCOME.**



PHOTO: We had our first Service event last Saturday. Almost 50 teens decorated lunch bags with scripture verses and positive messages. We then filled the bags with a sandwich, chips, an apple and freshly baked cookies our teens brought. We were able to make 177 bags, which was 102 more than our original goal of 75. These bagged lunches were for Fr. Bills Shelter in Quincy and also two additional locations in Brockton. Thank you T.G.I.F. teens for your beautiful act of service.



MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP MEETING ~
Next Sunday, November 3, from 6:30 - 8 PM in Fr. Haley
Hall. There will be ...A Prayer Service for our Beloved Departed;
 A Giant Milk & Cookie Bar; Sign Ups for the annual Cookie Walk (Dec. 7 & 8);
 Sign Ups for Paintball (Monday, Nov. 11); Sign Ups for Grade 7 Nursing Home
 BINGO (Friday, Nov. 22); and Sign Ups for the Celtics (Monday, Nov. 25)!



ST. MARY'S PARISH PASTA NIGHT ~ Saturday, November 16. **TICKETS GO ON SALE NEXT WEEKEND!**



Come join your fellow parishioners for fine Italian fare, live music and great company at this year's Pasta Dinner on Saturday, November 16 from 6 to 8 PM.

This year's live musical entertainment is Singer / Guitarist Filip Ramil!

The menu will include rigatoni with red sauce, rigatoni with broccoli and chicken, rigatoni with butter, meatballs, salad, rolls and soda, water, juice and Italian pastries.

Families with children of all ages are welcome. The cost is \$10 per person, or \$30 for immediate family (parents and children).

Tickets will be on sale after all Masses the weekends of November 2 and 3 and November 9 and 10, and at the R.E. Office starting November 4. There are no tickets at the door on Nov. 16. *Mangia!*

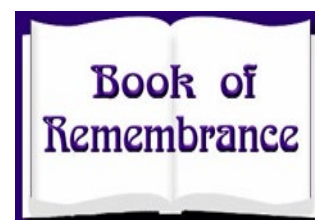


MONTH OF ALL SOULS ~ ANNUAL CANDLELIGHT MASS

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.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

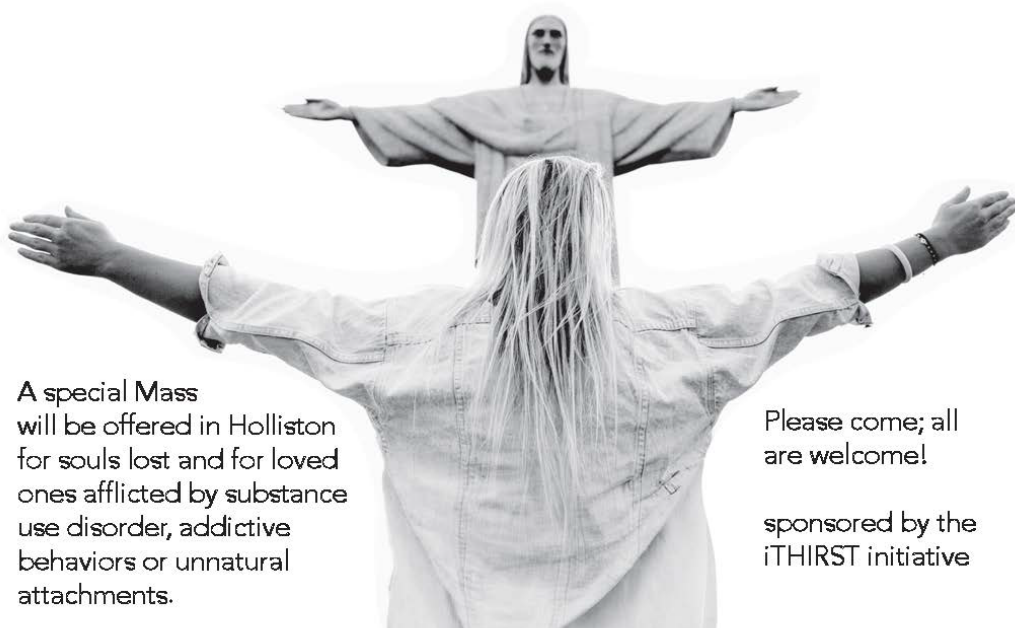
Through the month of November, traditionally referred to as the "Month of the Holy Souls" the Book of Remembrance will be in front of the Baptismal Font and Easter Candle in the church. You are invited to write the names of your own departed loved ones in the book. Their intentions will then be included in all the Masses celebrated at St. Mary's during November. May God welcome them into the light and perfect peace of His presence. The Book will be put out next Saturday, November 2, the Feast of All Souls, and be available all month thereafter.



A CANDLE-LIGHT MASS FOR ADDICTION

Come to Me

all you who are burdened



A special Mass will be offered in Holliston for souls lost and for loved ones afflicted by substance use disorder, addictive behaviors or unnatural attachments.

Please come; all are welcome!

sponsored by the
iTHIRST initiative

Thursday, November 14 | 7:00 PM | St. Mary's Church, Holliston



RECYCLING EVENT ~

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 9: St. Mary's Knights of Columbus Council #14224 and Green Team Recycling will hold a huge Recycling Event from 9 AM to 12 Noon in St. Mary's parking lot. This event will accept a greatly expanded list of items that can be recycled, in addition to electronics. Watch for a flyer in your mail. It lists the additional items that will be accepted. The list includes push lawn mowers, snow blowers, mattresses, box springs, tires, washers, water heaters, and more. You'll find the recycling prices very reasonable. Start cleaning out your house of these old items you really want to disappear.

VETERANS REMEMBERED ~ DRIVING DISCOVERY TOUR, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17:



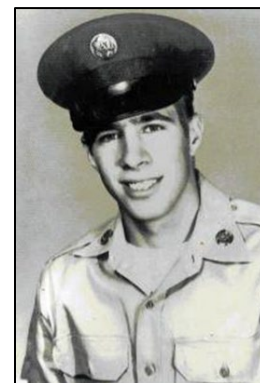
**Learn about Holliston's Armed Services Heroes!
Compete for Prizes and Support Veterans!
Have Fun Exploring Holliston's Memorials!**

**Proceeds benefit "Thanks to Yanks"
Participation Fee: \$20 per car, Vets: \$10**

Day of event only - no pre-registration.

**Event Starts at 1:30 PM
St. Mary's Church Parking Lot
Driver & Navigator required to participate.**

Sponsored by St. Mary's Knights of Columbus



CLOW - CHILDREN K-6 - CHILDREN'S LITURGY

OF THE WORD: Today, Sunday, October 27, 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
FOR THE COMING WEEKS:**

| DAY | GRADE | GRADE |
|----------------|---------------------|------------------|
| 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 |
| Mon., Oct. 28 | GR-2 / 3 at 4:30 PM | Church Mini-Tour |
| Tues., Oct. 29 | GR-2 / 3 at 4:30 PM | Church Mini-Tour |
| Wed., Oct. 30 | GR-2 / 3 at 4:30 PM | Church Mini-Tour |
| Sun., Nov. 3 | Pre-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., Nov. 4 | GR-7 at 7:00 PM | |
| Tues., Nov. 5 | GR-10 at 7:00 PM | |
| Wed., Nov. 6 | GR-2 at 4:15 PM | GR-4 at 4:00 PM |
| | GR-7 at 7:00 PM | |
| Thur., Nov. 7 | GR-10 at 7:00 PM | |

GRADES 2 AND 3: The Mini-Tours of the Church are on Monday, Oct. 28, Tuesday, Oct. 29 and Wednesday, Oct 30 from 4:30 PM to 5:15 PM in the church. Please choose one day.

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 5, Sunday: 10:45 AM to 12:15 PM, Teacher 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 2, Wednesday: 4:15 PM to 5:30 PM, 2 Adult or Teen Helpers.

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.

GRADE 10 ~ CONFIRMATION YEAR 2: On Tuesday, November 5 and Thursday, November 7 from 7:00 to 8:30 PM, students will 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:

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!

HOLLISTON NEWCOMERS THANKSGIVING

DRIVE: The Thanksgiving Drive provides **gift cards** to those in need through the Holliston Pantry Shelf and other local organizations that support the Holliston youth. Many families depend on these **gift cards** to make their Thanksgiving Day special. Monetary donations are needed to support these efforts. Please visit the HNN Donations webpage at <http://www.hollistonnewcomers.org/donations> and select Thanksgiving. Donations can be mailed by sending a check made out to Holliston Newcomers & Neighbors to Katrine Giroux, 147 Mohawk Path, Holliston, and note that it is for Thanksgiving. Handmade **Thanksgiving Cards** for the families can be dropped off at 922 Highland Street, Holliston, in the bin at the front door. *Deadline for donations is Sunday, November 17. Thank you!*

**Holliston Newcomers & Neighbors
Thanksgiving Donation**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Please make your check out to Holliston Newcomers and Neighbors and note on the check that the donation is For Thanksgiving. ***We appreciate your donation!***

Please mail your check along with this Certificate to:

**Katrine Giroux
147 Mohawk Path
Holliston.MA 01746**

