

# Ash Wednesday

## March 5

6:45 AM	Liturgy
9:00 AM	Mass
4:00 PM	Liturgy
5:30 PM	Liturgy
7:00 PM	Mass



**Ashes will be distributed  
at all five celebrations.  
Our Lenten Journey begins.  
Forty Days of grace.  
A time to turn back to the Lord.**



## 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 Sung Mass

Holy Days: Announced

### Adoration Schedule:

First Fridays 9:30 - 10:30 AM,  
Thursdays in Lent 7 - 8 PM

### 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  
Noon to 12:45 PM,  
Thursdays in Lent 7 - 8 PM

**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,

Thank you for your prayers and kindness as I was laid low with COVID this past week. I am finally recovered and very glad to be back with you. Special thanks to those who dropped off food. Thanks also to the Shrine Fathers for extra Mass coverage, and our Deacons for Communion Services. And of course, thanks to my faithful nurse, Crispin, shown here with me on my sick couch.



On this final Sunday before Ash Wednesday and the start of our Lenten Journey, the Mass readings speak about purity of speech. Sirach tells us not to praise anyone until we hear them speak. And Jesus states that *"A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks."*

As we consider what to "give up" this Lent, let us be sure to place sins of speech - profanity, gossip, and hurtful words - at the top of the list. For in the words of St. John Chrysostom, *"What good is it if during Lent we abstain from the meat of animals, only to bite and devour our brothers and sisters through unkind speech, instead?"*

God bless you.



## SAINT MARY'S LENTEN PRAYER

**Loving God,  
during this sacred season of Lent,  
bring me closer to You.**

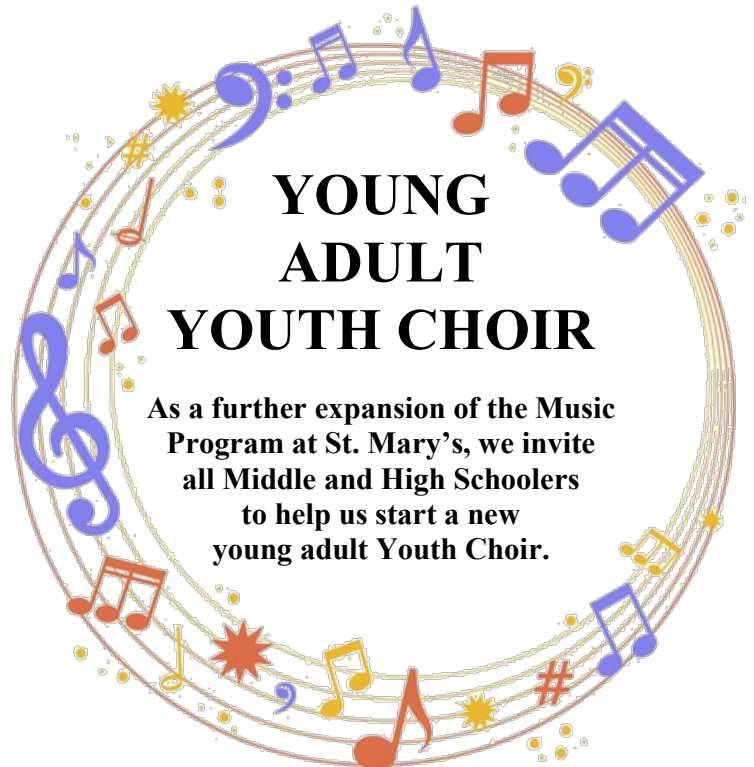
**Prepare a place in my home and heart for silence  
and solitude, so that I may re-discover  
the grace of a prayer filled life.**

**Help me to fast from those things that threaten  
the well-being of body and soul,  
and remind me of the grace of simplicity.**

**Enlarge my heart so that I give to those in need  
and, in so doing, rediscover  
the grace of gratitude and generosity.**

**May this season be a grace-filled time  
to rekindle my love and faith in You.**

**Amen.**



All interested youths in Grades  
6 - 12 may receive more  
information by contacting our Music Director,  
Abigail Kelley-Lanser,  
at [musicatstmarysholliston@gmail.com](mailto:musicatstmarysholliston@gmail.com).

Remember,  
*"When you sing you pray twice!"*

**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, 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

**MARCH 5 ASH WEDNESDAY COLLECTION:**

Easter Flowers to celebrate the Resurrection April 20!

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND:**

Catholic Charities, serving the poor.

**LAST SUNDAY'S PARISH OFFERTORY:**

Automatic Giving: \$ 1,831.50  
 WeShare: \$ 3,659.36  
 Envelopes: \$ 9,571.00  
 Total Offertory: \$ 15,061.86

Thank you for making up any missed weekly parish support. Kindly consider switching to WeShare! See: <https://stmarysholliston.com/how-to-give/>.

**UPSTAIRS CHILDREN'S HOMILY & DONUTS, JUICE AND COFFEE THIS WEEKEND:**

CLOW will be at the 9:30 AM Mass in the main church, and afterwards the Welcoming Committee invites all parishioners and their families to come down to Fr. Haley Hall for free donuts, juice and coffee! Come enjoy the chance to connect with fellow parishioners. Members of the Parish Council will be there to receive your input for our parish. Join us!

**FINDING INNER PEACE:**

Next Saturday, March 8, join us for a Lenten Retreat Hour from 10:30 - 11:30 AM in St. Mary's Church. Deacon John Barry will Expose the Blessed Sacrament for Eucharistic Adoration.

During this time of prayer, he will offer the reflection, Finding Inner Peace. *"Do everything quietly and in a calm spirit. Do not lose your inner peace for anything whatsoever, even if your whole world seems upset."*

- St. Frances DeSales



**MASS INTENTIONS:**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>March 1</b>
5:00	Ray Stackpole
7:30	Matthew D'Agostino, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Anv.
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 2</b>
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	George J. Bourque
11:30	Marie Naples
<b>Monday</b>	<b>March 3</b>
9:00	Rev. John R. Mulvehill
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>March 4</b>
9:00	Frank Mulcahy, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Anv.

**ASH WEDNESDAY ~ March 5**



**FASTING:** Catholics over eighteen and up to the beginning of their sixtieth year are bound to the obligation of fasting. **Ash Wednesday** and Good Friday are the days of fasting. On these days, only one full meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed.

**ABSTINENCE:** Catholics over fourteen years of age are bound to the obligations of abstinence. Abstinence is to be observed on **Ash Wednesday** and the Fridays of Lent. On abstinence days, meat may not be used at all. Regarding other weekdays of Lent, participation in daily Mass and the voluntary observance of fasting is recommended. Commendable, is generosity to local, national and world programs of sharing our abundance, the traditional Lenten Devotions and all the self-denial summed up in the concept of "mortification."

<b>Thursday</b>	<b>March 6</b>
9:00	Rev. Dan Murphy
<b>Friday</b>	<b>March 7</b>
9:00	Fr. Issa and the People of our Sister Parish, Our Lady of Fatima, Beit Sahour
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>March 8</b>
5:00	Roy Salvi
7:30	People of St. Mary's
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 9</b>
7:30	Judy Cruz
9:30	Paul LeBlanc
11:30	Jeanne R. Kelly



**THURSDAY LENTEN ADORATION WITH CONFESSION:** In addition to the usual Saturday Noon to 12:45 PM Confession time, during Lent St. Mary's Thursday night Eucharistic Holy Hours will also have the opportunity for Confession, from 7 - 8 PM in the church. Each Lenten Holy Hour includes an intention which we ask you kindly to add during your time before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament:

<b>Thursday, March 6:</b>	Please pray for Peace in Palestine and Israel.
<b>Thursday, March 13:</b>	Please pray for Peace in Ukraine.
<b>Thursday, March 20:</b>	Please pray for Peace and Unity in our Nation.
<b>Thursday, March 27:</b>	Please pray for Reverence for all Human Life.
<b>Thursday, April 3:</b>	Please pray for Freedom from Addictions.
<b>Thursday, April 10:</b>	Please pray for all lapsed Catholics.

**FINDING INNER PEACE - NEXT SATURDAY, MARCH 8:** Join us for a Lenten Retreat Hour from 10:30 - 11:30 AM in St. Mary's Church. Deacon John Barry will Expose the Blessed Sacrament for Eucharistic Adoration. During this time of prayer, he will offer the reflection, Finding Inner Peace. *"Do everything quietly and in a calm spirit. Do not lose your inner peace for anything whatsoever, even if your whole world seems upset."* - St. Frances DeSales

**FRIDAY LENTEN SUPPERS START THIS FRIDAY!** Join us for a great meal, prayer and deepening your community connection to your St. Mary's Family!

**Fridays at 6 PM: March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4** (*this one night beginning at 5:30 PM as the St. Paul's Boy Choir performs at 7 PM*), **and 11.**

Our Lenten Suppers will take place in Fr. Haley Hall and will include a range of food options while observing Friday's abstinence from meat - as well as child friendly food.

Families with young children are encouraged to come and not feel burdened about bringing a meal, please let your St. Mary's community lift you up. This also applies to any individual / couple / family feeling burdened where bringing a meal would prevent you from attending. We are all in different seasons of life, let your St. Mary's family be a safe landing spot for you this Lent!



If you'd like to help, please email Natalie Pomarico at [st.maryslentensuppers@gmail.com](mailto:st.maryslentensuppers@gmail.com). You will be added to the Lenten Supper Volunteer Group. A weekly 'Sign Up Genius' goes out via email to the volunteer base and individuals sign up for available food / drink slots. Volunteer participation varies week to week, some volunteer once during the six weeks, some commit to every week and others dip in and out of helping. Thank you!



**40 HOURS DEVOTION - SUNDAY, MARCH 16 - TUESDAY, MARCH 18:** In celebrating this devotion, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the altar at St. Mary's for forty continuous hours. The church will be open throughout and people may stop in at any time to visit with the Lord in prayer. The Forty Hours Devotion nurtures the love of the faithful for our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Additionally, three special dimensions surround this devotion:

- the protection from evil and temptation,
- reparation for our own sins and for the Poor Souls in Purgatory,
- and deliverance from political, material, or spiritual calamities.





**40 HOURS DEVOTION - SUNDAY, MARCH 16 - TUESDAY, MARCH 18:** Anyone and everyone is welcome at any time without signing up. But we need a minimum of two people committed to each specific hour the Blessed Sacrament is Exposed for Adoration. Please sign up at: [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094DA5AB29A3FC1-55072648-40hours#/.](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094DA5AB29A3FC1-55072648-40hours#/)



**Sunday, March 16**

11:30 AM Opening Mass  
6:00 PM Evening Prayer  
8:00 PM Scripture Reflection

**Monday, March 17**

9:00 AM Morning Mass (Hall)  
Noon Holy Rosary  
6:00 PM Evening Prayer  
8:00 PM Scripture Reflection

**Tuesday, March 18**

9:00 AM Closing Mass with  
Benediction

True, God is everywhere, but we have need for Him to draw near to us under sensible signs, and this is what He does in the Blessed Sacrament. Think, then, that He is there. That Presence is sweeter, is recalled more easily than the presence of the invisible, the impalpable Divinity. It is less easily forgotten. Recall it everywhere, whatever you may be doing; and know that it is His human glance, the eye of the glorified and risen Body that follows you through walls, and never loses sight of you. *—St. Peter Julian Eymard*

**COR FOR MEN - THURSDAY, MARCH 27:** This Lent, St. Mary's is excited to launch Cor - a new, nationwide faith enrichment and fraternal opportunity for men. Cor exists to form and strengthen Catholic men in faith and virtue as missionary disciples by drawing them into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through prayer, faith formation and fraternity.

**Cor MISSION:** To help focus Catholic men on Jesus by building Christ-centered brotherhood through a simple, flexible framework of prayer, formation and fraternity.

**Cor VISION:** To aid in transforming the hearts of men through Christ-centered brotherhood. Rooted in prayer, formation and fraternity, men will be sharpened in faith and virtue as they cultivate authentic friendships with Christ and each other. We envision a future where Cor continuously helps sustain these men to lead their families, strengthen their parish communities and courageously evangelize the world as missionary disciples of Jesus Christ.

All men of St. Mary's parish age 18 and older are encouraged to join us for faith enrichment, bible study, catechesis, prayer and brotherhood. Cor is a great way to enrich your faith journey through Lent and afterward with fellow parishioners. There is no cost for this program.

Join us for the Cor Kick-off Meeting on Thursday, March 27, 7 - 8:30 PM at Sr. Ricci House. Cor continues the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of each month through June. To register and for more information: [StMarysCor@gmail.com](mailto:StMarysCor@gmail.com).



**ST. PAUL'S BOY CHOIR CONCERT - FRIDAY, APRIL 4, FROM 7 - 8 PM IN**

**ST. MARY'S CHURCH:** Bless your Lent with an evening of rapturous music by the internationally acclaimed Boy Choir of St. Paul's Choir School in Cambridge. Directed by Brandon Straub, the Choir will perform selected works from the classical repertoire, including pieces by Rawsthorne, Dvorak, Purcell, Vivaldi, Faure, and Rutter.

The Concert is free and open to all. For more information about St. Paul's Choir School, please visit [www.saintpaulschoirschool.us](http://www.saintpaulschoirschool.us). \* The Lenten Friday Soup Supper will start early this night, at 5:30 PM, so that you can attend both.

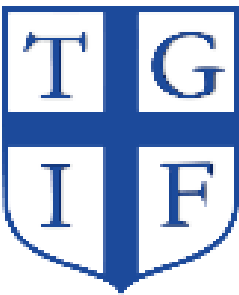
# FOR OUR YOUTH!



**MEETING TONIGHT!** Middle School Youth Group - Monthly Meeting: Sunday, March 2, from 6:30 - 8:00 PM. Summer Rafting Trip Signups will be held tonight, as well as the March 14 Nursing Home BINGO, March 21 Cosmic Bowling, and the April 4 Boy Choir Hosting Events!

“Deep is calling on deep in the roar of mighty waters. Your torrents and all your waves swept over me.”

Psalm 42:7



**T.G.I.F. (Teens Gather In Faith):** Thank you to all who came to our first Mission Trip Fundraiser, FAMILY BINGO NIGHT. We hope you enjoyed yourself as much as we enjoyed hosting you!

**Ash Wednesday** - Let's attend Mass as a T.G.I.F. group on Ash Wednesday, March 5, at 7 PM. Try to come 10 minutes early!

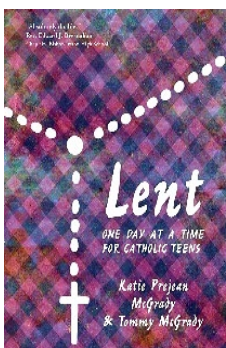
**We look forward to:**

- Bagged Lunch Making and Tour of Father Bill's Homeless Shelter and Team Scavenger Hunt at South Shore Plaza on Saturday, March 8.
- Blanket Making for Project Linus on Saturday, March 15.
- Our next T.G.I.F. meeting is March 16, 7:00 - 8:45 PM. Hope to see all of you there!
- Lenten Study, “Lent, One Day at a Time” which is FREE and open to ALL T.G.I.F. Teens. It's not too late to sign up. Just send an email to [st.marystgif1870@gmail.com](mailto:st.marystgif1870@gmail.com)!

We encourage everyone to check out our **Instagram @stmarys\_tgif** or by scanning this QR code to see what we are up to, for a daily dose of faith and to see upcoming events.



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**NEXT YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** Tonight, Sunday, March 2. Ryan Kramer leads this Bible Study for young men (aged 14 - 18), who desire to grow closer to God and learn more about the faith. The Bible Study focuses on who God is and why He is essential for our lives. We examine Catholic teachings through the scriptures as we pursue a relationship with Jesus.

*“Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, and in purity.” Timothy 4:12*



## Women's Ministries

**IS GOD CALLING YOU TO  
BECOME A LAY DOMINICAN?**

The St. Martin de Porres Fraternity of Lay Dominicans is hosting an inquiry day on Saturday, March 29 for Catholics interested in learning more about the Dominican Order and how Lay Dominicans live out the Gospel. We will begin with Eucharistic Adoration and recitation of the Dominican rosary, followed by a brief presentation on who we are, and then a talk by Fr. Gabriel Torretta, O.P. (Providence College), titled "Friendship and the Pursuit of Perfect Love." We will begin the afternoon in St. Zepherin Church (99 Main Street, Wayland) at 1 PM. Light refreshments will follow the talks. Contact [lauren.ltg@gmail.com](mailto:lauren.ltg@gmail.com) with any questions.

**ST. MARY'S MOM'S PRAYER GROUP, MARCH 4:** Please join us this Tuesday, March 4, from 9:45 - 11:00 AM, 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. For more information, please contact: Meghan Krenselewski, 978-421-5795.



**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER, MARCH 7:** "*I made you wonderful*" (Psalm 139): The Country of the Cook Islands. World Day of Prayer (WDP) is a worldwide ecumenical movement of women of many faith traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year. We welcome men to attend with us in the celebration. Please join us as we gather to celebrate at St. Mary's Church, this Friday, March 7, at 10:00 AM. We will meet in the church. All are welcome!

**SMCWG, MARCH 12:** The St. Mary's Catholic Women's Group will hold their next meeting on Wednesday, March 12 from Noon to 2:00 PM in the Parish Center Library. Please bring your lunch and a drink. Dessert, coffee and tea will be provided. \$5 dues will be collected. All are welcome.

**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 Spring Season begins on Wednesday, April 2 at 10:00 AM. During this season we will listen to speakers explain how they have put our yearly theme of Holiness into action in their lives. More details to come. Suggested donation for the Spring season is \$20.00 unless you have previously paid for the entire WINGS year. All women are welcome, regardless of ability to pay. Email [stmaryswingssecretary@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryswingssecretary@gmail.com) to register or call Diane at 508-259-7795 or Jen at 617-852-9632.

**PENNIES FROM HEAVEN 2025:** Please donate your coins to Pennies from Heaven, which can be dropped off in the lobby of the Parish Center during the 2025 Lenten season. The entire proceeds from this collection will be sent to Sierra Leone for the benefit of children living at the Fatima Home for Orphans. Your help will be a wonderful gift for the children's many needs, especially their educational and living expenses. Thank you in advance for your generosity and kindness to these children.

**THE ROSE FOR LIFE:** Is sponsored this week by Joan Cocchiarella in memory of John Cocchiarella. Please join her in prayer for an unborn child. Want to sponsor the Rose for Life one week in 2025? We currently need MANY new sponsors. Please email [st.marys1870@gmail.com](mailto:st.marys1870@gmail.com) to become part of this beautiful affirmation of life.

**HOLLISTON PANTRY SHELF HELP:** Snacks, juice boxes, peanut butter, jelly, Progresso Soups, Campbell's Chunky Soup, Mac & Cheese, canned peaches (15 oz), canned corn, spaghetti, pasta sauce, Beefaroni, toilet paper, shampoo and cake and brownie mixes. Donations may be placed in the large bin by St. Mary's parking lot entrance.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, SAVE THE DATES, JULY 21 - 25:** Calling all campers (entering K - Grade 6) and volunteers (entering Grade 7 - adults)! We'll help kids through a world gone wild - with Jesus our true north - to show us the way! Kids will experience the ultimate Alaskan adventure - where northern lights glow over majestic mountains, racing rivers, and glistening glaciers. As kids trek the tundra, they'll explore how easy it is to lose sight of what's true in our wild world today. Pointing them toward Jesus, True North VBS shows them that He is a faithful friend we can always trust. He's our True North! Monday, July 21 - Friday, July 25 from 9 AM - 12 Noon. Registration fee \$75/child, \$200/family max. Registration opens April 1!



# Boston Catholic *Men's* Conference

March 22, 2025 8:30**AM** to 5:30**PM**

*A Man After God's Own Heart*  
Human & Holy



Closing Mass will be Celebrated  
by Archbishop Richard Henning



Jim Wahlberg



Chris Stefanick



Mother Olga



Fr. Larry Richards

**Tickets Are  
\$70.00**



Deacon Larry Oney



Dan Donaldson

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For Tickets, Visit **[www.bostoncatholicmen.com](http://www.bostoncatholicmen.com)**

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Presented by the  
The Men of Divine Mercy & The Flatley Foundation



**CLOW ~ CHILDREN K - 6 ~ CHILDREN'S**

**LITURGY OF THE WORD:** Today, March 2, the children will remain in the church to listen and learn what Jesus teaches us in the Gospel with Fr. Mark. Donuts, Juice and Coffee will be served following the 9:30 AM Mass this weekend.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS SCHEDULE  
FOR THE COMING WEEK**

DAY	GRADE	GRADE
Sun., March 2	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., March 3	GR-5 at 4:00 PM*	Holy Orders
Tue., March 4	GR-8/9 at 7:00 PM	
Wed., March 5	Ash Wednesday	NO CLASSES
Thur., March 6	GR-8/9 at 7:00 PM	
Sun., March 9	GR-1 at 8:10 AM**	GR-4 at 10:45 AM
	GR-5 at 10:45 AM	GR-6 at 4:00 PM

\*\*There is no baptism today; Grade 1 will meet at 8:10 AM.

**EMPOWERING GOD'S CHILDREN SAFETY**

**CLASSES:** Parents who wish to Opt-Out their children from the Empowering God's Children Safety Program must submit an Opt-Out Form to the Religious Education Office.

**Scheduled classes are below:**

- **GR-6:** Sunday, March 9; Tuesday, March 11.
- **GR-1:** Sunday, March 23.
- **GR-2:** Wednesday, April 9; Sunday, April 13.

**FOR ALL RELIGIOUS ED FAMILIES! MUST SEE  
VIRTUS EMPOWERING GOD'S CHILDREN (EGC)**

**SAFETY PROGRAM:** Before deciding to have your children attend the Safety sessions, it is important to take the time to view the program at: [www.VIRTUSonline.org](http://www.VIRTUSonline.org).

Enter the **User Name:** Parent\_Boston and then the **Password:** EGCBoston1. When you are in the landing page, click on the **Education tab** at the top. You can view the Lesson plans for Grades K - 12. When children are exposed to repeated safety rules from their parents, teachers, and authorities, they will be more aware of their surroundings and know what to do if they need help.

**GRADE 5 SESSION ON THE SACRAMENT OF**

**HOLY ORDERS:** On Monday, March 3, Father Mark will speak to the fifth graders on the Sacrament of Holy Orders. Students and teachers will meet in the church at 4:00 PM. Mrs. Crespi will continue the presentation in Fr. Haley Hall with a film and talk on religious life for men and women. Parents will pick up in Fr. Haley Hall at 5:30 PM.

**GRADE 10 SCHEDULED CONFIRMATION**

**RETREAT:** On Saturday, March 22, Grade 10 students will attend a retreat from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM including time for confession and the 5:00 PM Mass. Guest speaker will be Jim Flanagan.

**CONFIRMATION YEAR 1 ~ GRADE 8/9:** On Tuesday, March 4 and Thursday, March 6 Grade 8/9 will meet in Fr. Haley Hall at 7:00 PM. Please bring your white binders and Mass reflections.

**CORI VOLUNTEER RENEWAL ALERT:** All active volunteers (18+ years) in any ministry, must now have completed a **2025 CORI**. All CORI forms and renewals must be signed and verified in person with a license by any staff member.

**PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN WORKSHOPS:**

If you are participating in any ministry, you must attend **PGC**. Register online 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!

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION SESSION:** This week, Monday, March 3 is the last session on "This is My Body" by Fr. Bishop Robert Barron. We will meet in Room 3 - 4 at 10:00 AM.

**LENTEN MINI-RETREAT:** On Saturday, March 8 at 10:30 AM, Deacon John Barry will offer his meditation on "Finding Inner Peace". Everyone is welcome to attend and reflect on their Lenten journey for the forty days leading up to Holy Week. Lent is a time to look within and let go of all the attachments that can cause anxiety and worry. A habit of daily prayer will keep our focus on Christ, Who desires that every soul not worry and place their trust in Him. The words Jesus spoke after His glorious resurrection when He appeared to the Apostles should resonate always in our hearts, "Peace be with you".

**R.E. CLASS SNOW CANCELLATIONS:**

When Holliston public schools are closed due to inclement weather, Religious Education classes will not be held. Class cancellations will be aired on Channels 5 and 7 during the weekday, and Channel 4 on Saturday and Sunday only.