



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 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,

A quick reminder that there are no Confessions on Holy Saturday, April 19. This is because, except in danger of death, no other sacraments are celebrated once the Sacred Triduum has begun. Throughout Lent, in addition to the usual Saturday Confessions at noon, we are also offering them from 7 - 8 PM every Thursday evening.

In Luke Chapter 15, when Jesus was criticized for His ministry to sinners, He offered the parable of the Prodigal Son in reply. This parable remains the model for Jesus' continued forgiveness of sin today through the Sacrament of Confession.

1) Contrition: The prodigal son, reduced to herding pigs and coveting their food scraps, realizes that he has sinned. Similarly today, Reconciliation begins with realizing and admitting sin to ourselves.

2) Confession: The prodigal son undertakes a physical journey to see his father and confess his sins aloud to him. Similarly today, the penitent Catholic undertakes a journey to the Church, the earthly House of Our Heavenly Father. Once there, the penitent confesses his or her sins aloud to the priest.

3) Satisfaction: In confessing his sins, the prodigal son expresses a willingness to do anything to make up for his transgressions (i.e. becoming the least of his father's slaves). In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a penance, usually of prayer, is assigned by the confessor.

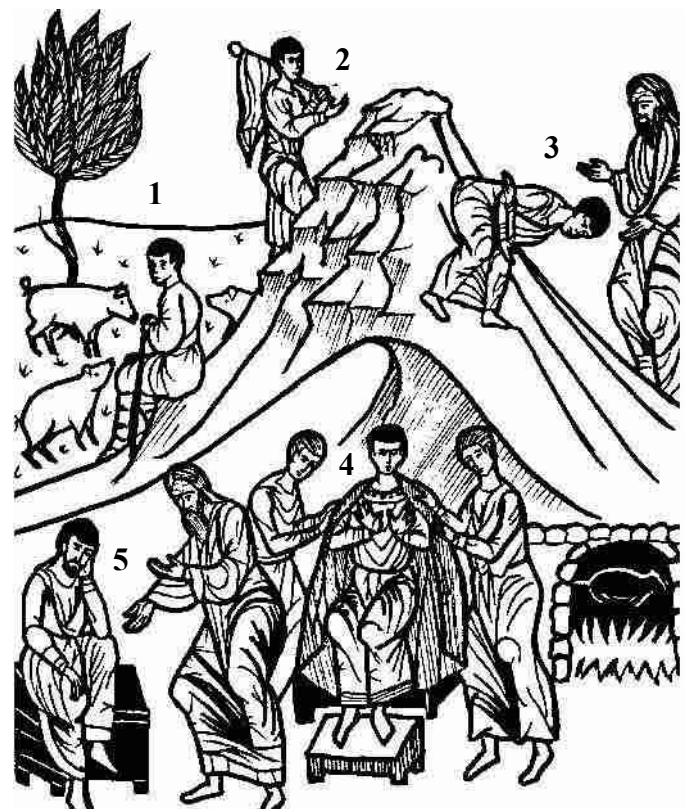
4) Absolution: The father of the prodigal son bestowed rich gifts upon him; sandals, a robe, and a ring. Similarly, God showers the fullness of His mercy and healing grace upon us in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Further, He fortifies us to resist future temptation. The great feast thrown by the prodigal son's father upon his return reminds us that sin is never a private affair. When we sin, it damages not just our relationship with God, but also with the Church. Our celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation is the Church's equivalent of the parable's great feast, with the whole Church community spiritually involved.

5) The Older Brother: In the parable, the prodigal son's older brother denies the need for a public celebration over his return. Similarly, today some deny the need for receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation, proposing that a silent, private admission of sin between an individual and God directly is adequate. This idea is gravely lacking, as it does not take into account the effect of sin on one's relationship to the Church. It further ignores the chief consequence of sin, which is that it leaves us wounded and incapacitated.

The sinners' inability to deal with sin on their own is represented scripturally by the "nakedness" of Adam and Eve, and in the case of the prodigal son by his tattered robes and shoeless feet. To have sinned is to have been made helpless, and only the healing power of Jesus Christ available today through His holy sacraments can bring about true forgiveness and a full restoration to grace. It was for this reason that Jesus specifically gave His apostles the authority to forgive sins after Him (John 20:21-23, Matt. 9:8, Matt. 18:18, 2 Cor. 5:18). Thank you Lord, for so precious a gift.

Under His Mercy,

Rev. Mark J. Coiro



ST. PAUL'S BOY CHOIR LENTEN CONCERT

This Friday, April 4,
7 - 8 PM



Grace your Lent with an evening
of rapturous music by the internationally
acclaimed Boy Choir of St. Paul's
Choir School in Cambridge.

Conducted by Brandon Straub
and

Accompanied by Organist Nara Lee.



The Choir will perform works by Rawsthorne, Dvorak,
Purcell, Vivaldi, Faure, and Rutter.

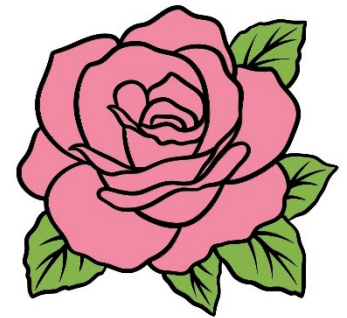
The Concert is free and open to all.



LAETARE SUNDAY: This weekend we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Lent, known also as “Laetare”, or “Rejoicing” Sunday. The forty days of Lent are a time of fasting, abstinence, repentance, penance, almsgiving, and intense prayer.

On Laetare Sunday, however, the Church pauses to remember that all these Lenten practices are meant to ready us for Easter joy. As of today, Lent is halfway over, and so we start to anticipate the Resurrection of the Lord. Lenten sorrow is tempered by Easter gladness.

The Church’s color for Lenten repentance is violet, but on this one Sunday of Lent the color is changed to rose. This custom dates back to the 13th century, with the rose color vestments standing for “subdued joy”, or “relieved repentance”. The rose color suggests a lightening of Lenten violet by the joyful white worn at Easter.



Because of the Rose-colored vestments worn this Sunday, it is also sometimes referred to as “Rose” Sunday. The image of the rose itself reminds us of how joy and sorrow are so often linked within the human heart. For instance, when a loved one dies, we are saddened by their loss, yet joyful that their earthly suffering is over, and the peace of heaven won. The rose bush, like life, first bears thorns. But from these thorns the most beautiful flower in the world can grow.



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. **This Thursday, April 3:** Please pray for Freedom from Addictions.

A LENTEN EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE: Is provided in this weekend’s bulletin.

REMEMBER: There are no Confessions on Holy Saturday, April 19, due to the Sacred Triduum.

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; liquids, including milk and 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.”



FRIDAY LENTEN SUPPERS - ONLY TWO LEFT!: Join us for a great meal, prayer and deepening your community connection to your St. Mary's Family! **Fridays at 6 PM: April 4** (*this one night beginning at 5:30 PM as the St. Paul's Boy Choir performs at 7 PM*), **and April 11.** Our Lenten Suppers take place in Fr. Haley Hall and 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. 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!



COR FOR MEN - NEXT MEETING THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 7 - 8:30 PM, SR. RICCI HOUSE: 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. To register and for more information: StMarysCor@gmail.com.

PROJECT JUST BECAUSE SPRING SPECTACULAR: Join us for a Night of Hope on Saturday, April 12 from 6:30 - 10:00 PM at Anthony's on the Green, 212 Prentice Street in Holliston. Help us help families in need! There will be a Silent Auction, a Live Auction, Complimentary Apps, and Music by Steve Specter. \$50 per ticket. Contact Karen at 617-899-2504 or sales@projectjustbecause.org.

SUPPORT CATHOLIC CHARITIES IN MILFORD THIS LENT!: Catholic Charities of Milford is dedicated to serving individuals and families in need, offering essential services such as food assistance, housing support, and emergency aid. Your generosity can make a real difference in the lives of our neighbors facing hardship. Please consider making a donation to help continue this vital mission of compassion and care. Every contribution - big or small - helps bring hope to those who need it most. They are in immediate need of:

Formula - powdered or liquid, children's clothes and shoes - any size, canned goods (tuna, soup, SpaghettiOs, etc.) - consider brands with pull-off tops, and peanut butter and jelly. Donations can be dropped off at their office at 200 Main Street in Milford.

2025 CATHOLIC APPEAL ~ *Forward In Faith!*

We want to thank everyone from St. Mary's who has so far participated in the 2025 Catholic Appeal.

To date our parish has raised \$42,190 from 31% of St. Mary's active households, reaching 48% of our parish goal of \$88,000.

These contributions support the many ministries of our Archdiocese and will improve the lives of so many vulnerable persons. The Appeal is to our Archdiocese what the weekly offertory is to our parish. If you have not yet made your gift, please consider making a pledge today.

(Option 1) If you have given previously to the Catholic Appeal, then you should have received a 2025 Pledge Form in the mail. Mail it to St. Mary's or to the Archdiocese. You may also drop it off at St. Mary's, and we will mail it in. Any checks we receive made out to the 2025 Catholic Appeal will also be forwarded.

(Option 2) Scan the QR Code right.

(Option 3) Visit <https://bostoncatholicappeal.org/> and scroll to the bottom of the page to donate online. This website also offers you a video to watch and detailed information about the Catholic Appeal.

However you give, please be sure to indicate St. Mary's, Holliston as your parish so that your gift is applied to our parish goal. Thank you for doing your part - large or small according to your means - to support the good works of our Church. God bless you!



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

UPSTAIRS CHILDREN'S HOMILY AND DONUTS, JUICE & COFFEE: Next Sunday, April 6, CLOW will be at the 9:30 AM Mass in the main church. Afterwards, members of the Parish Pastoral Council will be attending D.J.&C. and welcome any comments and ideas you have for St. Mary's.

ROSE FOR LIFE: Is sponsored this week by Maria Bomba. Please join her in prayer for an unborn child. To sponsor the Rose for Life, please call the Rectory at 429-4427.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday	March 29
5:00	Frances Hodnett
7:30	People of St. Mary's
Sunday	March 30
7:30	Wanda Beaupre
9:30	Khalil and Martha Hasrouni
11:30	Roberta McGaffigan
Monday	March 31
9:00	Christian Stahl (Living)
Tuesday	April 1
9:00	Matthew D'Agostino
Wednesday	April 2
9:00	Holy Souls
Thursday	April 3
9:00	Sr. Ricci
Friday	April 4
9:00	Fr. Issa and the People of our Sister Parish, Our Lady of Fatima, Beit Sahour
Saturday	April 5
5:00	Wanda Zeglarski
7:30	Dorothy Kubit
Sunday	April 6
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	John Walker, 1 st Anv.
11:30	Sr. Ricci

**PARISH OFFERTORY LAST WEEKEND:**

Automatic Giving:	\$ 1,116.50
WeShare:	\$ 3,573.47
Offertory Envelopes:	\$ 5,841.00
Total Offertory:	\$ 10,530.97
Weekly Need:	\$ 15,000.00

Shortfall - \$ 4,469.03

Thank you for making up any missed weekly parish support. The fiscal health of your parish depends on it. Kindly consider switching to WeShare or Automatic Giving. See: <https://stmarysholliston.com/how-to-give/>.

BLESSED MOTHER SCHOLARSHIP: Scholarship Applications are now available at <https://stmarysholliston.com/> under REGISTER / PARISH FORMS. This \$2,000 scholarship is granted in recognition of exceptional service to the St. Mary's Parish Family. Applicants must meet the following



criteria: Graduating from High School in the Spring of 2025; Accepted to a four-year college or university to commence classes in the Fall of 2025; Family registered at St.

Mary's Parish for at least two full years; Completed Religious Education and received the Sacrament of Confirmation; Attend Mass weekly at St. Mary's, and are otherwise living out their Catholic faith. Applications are due to the Scholarship Committee by Easter Sunday, April 20. The Scholarship will be presented at the:

**St. Mary's Mass for the
Graduating Class of 2025,
Sunday, May 18 at 11:30 AM.**

COMING EVENTS

ST. MARY'S MOM'S PRAYER GROUP: Please join us this Tuesday, April 1, 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 at 978-421-5795.

8 ARCH BRIDGE MEMORY CAFÉ: The 8 Arch Bridge Memory Café is a social gathering where people experiencing cognitive challenges and their care partners can socialize, connect and build support networks. This Wednesday, members of the Holliston Garden Club will help participants create beautiful, petite floral designs in small glass containers. Join us for a hands on experience that will be sure to brighten your day! Wednesday, April 2 from 1:30 - 3:00 PM at the Center, 150 Goulding Street, Holliston. The program is free and with snacks and beverages.

DIVORCE / SEPARATION MORNING OF REFLECTION: The Family Life Team invites all those impacted by divorce and separation to a Morning of Reflection at the Pastoral Center, Braintree on Saturday, April 5 from 8:30 AM - 12 Noon. Psychologist Christine Williams, PhD, will speak on the power of prayer and ways to alleviate stress. The program features a light breakfast, witness talk, small group sharing, Mass, Adoration and Confession. For more info, call Emily Elliott at 617-746-5756 or visit Evangelizeboston.com or bit.ly/ImpactedByDivorce.

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 six-week Spring Season begins on Wednesday, April 9 at 10 AM in person and via Zoom. Our Spring Season is "Called to Holiness: Living for God and Others." We will listen to speakers explain how they have put our yearly theme into action. Suggested but optional donation for the Spring season is \$20.00. All women are welcome, regardless of ability to pay. Babysitting is available. Email stmaryswingssecretary@gmail.com to register or call Diane at 508-259-7795.

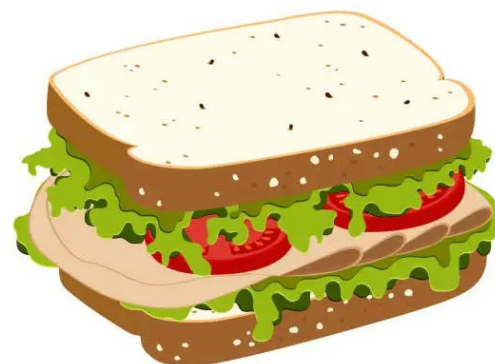
SMCWG: The St. Mary's Catholic Women's Group will hold their last meeting of the season on Wednesday, April 9 at 12 Noon in the Church Library. Please bring your lunch and a drink. Beverages provided. Any questions call Adele at 508-429-5083. All are welcome.

FOR OUR YOUTH!



MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP -
Faith, Friendship, Service, and Fun!

NEXT SUNDAY IS OUR APRIL
MSYG MEETING: Sunday, April 6, from 6:30
- 8:00 PM. We will be making 150 Sandwiches
for the Homeless! Roommate Sign-Ups for
Maine, Paintball Sign-Ups, and Scavenger Hunt
Sign-Ups are also all tonight!



Support Our Mississippi Mission Trip Teens! Teens Gather In Faith!

This July, **83** high school students from St. Mary's will travel to Gulfport, Mississippi for a week of faith-filled Mission work and service. This is a life-changing week for the teens and chaperones as they live out their faith, make lifelong friendships and get to know the people they serve. It is a beautiful extension of our parish family's Mission to know, love and serve God.

The cost of the trip this year has increased to \$1,300 per student. The teens are busy planning fundraising events to defray the cost, including the ...



Easter Bunny Eggstravaganza!

*To support the 2025
Mississippi Mission Trip.*



What: Photos with the Easter Bunny in front of a professional backdrop; Children's Easter Crafts; and a Golden Easter Egg Grab! Each child gets to grab eggs full of candy and prizes. If they grab a "Golden Egg," they win a fabulous prize for the whole family!

When: Sunday, April 13, 10 AM to 1 PM.

Where: Fr. Haley Hall.

Suggested Donation: \$25 per family.

FOR OUR YOUTH!



T.G.I.F. (Teens Gather In Faith):

Upcoming Events:

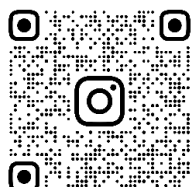
Sundays, 3:00 - 4:00 PM and
Wednesdays, 7:00 - 8:00 PM,
Lenten Study "Lent - One Day at
a Time for Teens".

Saturday and Sunday, March 29 - 30, before and
after ALL MASSES, T.G.I.F. Clothing Drive.

Saturday, March 5, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM, St.
Michael Keychain making for Police and Fire,
EGGSTRAVAGANZA egg stuffing and poster
making.

Friday, April 11, 5:45 - 8:30 PM, T.G.I.F.
Sponsored Lenten Supper.

Sunday, April 13, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM,
EGGSTRAVAGANZA!



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**Our next T.G.I.F. meeting is,
Sunday, April 13, 7:00 -
8:45 PM.** Feel free to email
st.marysTGIF1870@gmail.com
with any questions. Be sure 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.

THIS WEEKEND!

**WHEN: SATURDAY, MARCH 29
SUNDAY, MARCH 30
BEFORE AND AFTER ALL MASSES THIS
WEEKEND**

**WHERE: ST. MARY'S CHURCH IN LOBBY OUTSIDE
PARISH LIBRARY**

Your lightly used clothes can go a long way in helping someone in need. From coats and sweaters to shoes and children's clothes, every item you donate can provide comfort to those who need it most. Together, we can make a positive impact. Feel free to donate new clothes with tags.

A special thank you to TGIF teen Pheobe Quinlan for organizing this wonderful event.

SUPPORT OUR HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MISSION TRIP TO MISSISSIPPI!:

This summer, a group of our dedicated teens and chaperones will be traveling to Mississippi for a mission trip, where they will serve communities in need through acts of compassion, service, and faith. This is a wonderful opportunity for them to grow spiritually while making a meaningful impact. The cost of this year's trip is \$1,300 which is a challenge for some families. We invite you to support the Mission Trip by sponsoring one of our teens. Your generous contribution will help cover travel expenses, accommodations, and supplies, ensuring they have everything needed to serve effectively. If you feel called to help, you may send a check made payable to St. Mary's with "2025 Mission Trip" clearly marked in the memo line. Or you can use the parish QR Code to donate using Venmo. Together, we can empower our teens to live out their faith and share God's love in Mississippi. Thank you for your prayers, encouragement, and support!



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NEXT YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Sunday, March 30. 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.

A LENTEN EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE FOR ADULTS

An Examination of Conscience is a tool to assist one in preparing to make a good Confession. Just as accurately sharing symptoms of illness with our doctor helps physical healing, so a thorough and complete Confession of sin speeds spiritual healing. In Confession, Jesus is the great physician of our souls. As He once said, "Those who are healthy do not need a doctor, but the sick do. I have not come to call the righteous to repentance but sinners." Lk 5

An Adult Examination follows, and a Children's Version is available at: www.stmarysholliston.com; click Sacraments then Confession to reach the proper link.

I. I am the Lord your God. You shall not have strange gods before me.

- Do I strive to love God with my whole heart, mind, soul and strength?
- Do I give Him the priority in my life that He deserves as my Creator and Lord or rather do I make compromises on my love for God for the sake of pride, pleasure or the avoidance of a necessary sacrifice? Do I spend time in prayer daily?
- Have I had any direct involvement with the occult, witchcraft, wicca, ouija boards, séances, tarot cards, new age crystals, fortune telling, or the like? Have I put faith in horoscopes?
- Have I received Holy Communion in the state of mortal sin?
- Have I abused the Sacrament of Reconciliation by deliberately lying to the priest or deliberately choosing not to confess a mortal sin?
- Have I publicly denied a truth of the faith out of concern for the respect and opinion of others? Have I denied my faith?

II. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.

- We would never think of using the name of a friend in an irreverent way. Have we always treated the all-holy name of God with the greatest possible reverence and awe?

- Have I deliberately cursed or shown contempt for or ridiculed God, Sacred Scripture, the Church, Mary, the saints, or sacred places or things? Did I cause scandal by doing this in the presence of others?

- Have I failed to keep the promises/oaths made in the presence of God and while invoking His Name?
- Did I curse or swear? Do I use profane language?

III. Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.

- Have I deliberately missed Mass on a Sunday or Holy Day of obligation without a serious reason such as illness, severe weather, or lack of transportation?
- Have I deliberately come late or left early from Mass? Have I disrespected the Eucharist and the Church community by walking out the door right after receiving Holy Communion, instead of praying with them?
- Do I try to keep Sunday as a day of rest and relaxation by avoiding unnecessary work?
- Have I deliberately allowed my children to miss Mass without a serious reason?
- Was I easily distracted at Mass?

IV. Honor your father and your mother.

- Do I honor, respect, and obey my parents?
- Have I deliberately harmed my parents by word or by deed? Have I spoken badly of them in the presence of others?
- Do I treat my children with love, respect, and affection?
- Am I concerned about the well being (physical, spiritual, mental) of all family members?
- Have I neglected my family responsibilities?
- Do I respect and obey my legitimate superiors?

V. You shall not kill.

- Have I intentionally harmed anyone?
- Have I had an abortion or encouraged or helped someone to have an abortion?
- Have I abused drugs or alcohol? Have I gotten high or drunk?
- Have I attempted suicide or given deliberate consent to the idea? Have I neglected my spiritual, physical or mental health or tried to harm myself?
- Have I ever led anyone to sin through bad example or through direct encouragement?
- Have I gossiped, made fun of, or harmed someone's reputation by my words?

- Am I envious or excessively desirous of the possessions, abilities, talents, beauty or success of others?
- Have I been sorrowful over another's good fortune? Have I been happy when someone was hurt?
- Am I moody, gloomy, sad or sour? Do I work, study and keep busy to counter idle thoughts?
- Is my heart set on earthly possessions or on the true treasures in Heaven?

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 tan bin by the St. Mary's parking lot entrance, right next to our Youth Ministry Board. Thank you for holding up our neighbors in need!



CLOW ~ CHILDREN K - 6 ~ CHILDREN'S

LITURGY OF THE WORD: Today, March 30, the children will be dismissed to the lower church hall with the CLOW Leader to listen and learn what Jesus teaches us in the Gospel. Note: 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

DAY	GRADE	GRADE
Sun., March 30	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 31	GR-5 at 4:00 PM*	
Tue., April 1	GR-10 at 7:00 PM	
Thur., April 3	GR-10 at 7:00 PM	
Sun., April 6	PRE-K at 9:15 AM	GR-1 at 8:10 AM
	GR-4 at 10:45 AM	GR-5 at 10:45 AM



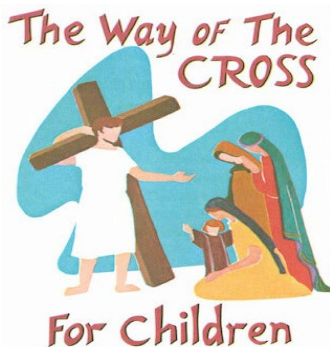
TOMORROW, MONDAY, MARCH 31 ~ GRADE 5 ROSARY GENERAL SESSION: All Grade 5 children on Sunday and Tuesday classes are required to attend this 4 PM session on the Blessed Mother and how to pray the Rosary with their hearts. The Rosary is

a very powerful prayer that can help us to meditate on Jesus' life from His Holy birth, to the Cross.

GRADE 2 FIRST COMMUNION FAMILY

RETREAT: The retreat will be held on this coming Saturday, April 5! Families will gather in the church by 12:45 PM for a time with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration and prayer. *Children must be accompanied by at least one parent or adult during the retreat.* Each family is to bring a picture of their child and a letter to Jesus in a sealed envelope with their last name only. Letters will be returned the last class.

GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT NOON ON APRIL 18:



Letters have been mailed to families with children in **grades K - 5** to take a role in the Stations of the Cross Tableau. Please complete the enclosed form in the letter and return it to the Religious Education Office ASAP. Children who accept a role must attend two rehearsals

during Holy week; Tuesday, April 15 and Wednesday, April 16 from 4:30 to 5:30 PM in the church.

COMING SOON ~ TRUE NORTH VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL* JULY 21 - 25, 9 AM TO NOON *

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! Registration fee \$75/child, \$200/family max.

REGISTRATION OPENS THIS WEEK ON APRIL 1!

CONFIRMATION YEAR 2 ~ GRADE 10: Classes will meet on Tuesday, April 1 and Thursday, April 3 at 7:00 PM in Fr. Haley Hall.

CONFIRMATION YEAR 1 ~ GRADE 7: Classes will meet on Monday, April 7 and Wednesday, April 9 at 7:00 PM in Fr. Haley Hall.

CONFIRMATION YEAR 1 ~ GRADES 8/9: Classes will meet on Tuesday, April 8 and Thursday, April 10 at 7:00 PM in Fr. Haley Hall.

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. 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 SAFETY CLASSES: Wednesday, April 9 and Sunday, April 13 during regular class time.

NEED A RIDE?: A parishioner has volunteered to help with rides to doctor's appointments, physical therapy appointments, dentist appointments, etc. If you are in need of transportation please call the Rectory at 508-429-4427. Let us help you!