

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 Choir Mass

Holy Days: Announced

Adoration Schedule:

First Fridays from 9:30 -
10:30 AM and as announced.

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 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,

Habemus Papam and Happy Mother's Day! Today we rejoice that God has provided our mother the Church with a new Chief Shepherd in the person of Pope Leo XIV. As a nation we are honored and humbled that for the first time a pope has been chosen from our own citizenry. As Catholics we take heart that once again God has blessed His Church, according to the promises He first made to Saint Peter. Let us commit to pray for our new Holy Father, that the Holy Spirit of God may strengthen and guide him in all ways.

A blessed and happy Mother's Day to the moms of St. Mary's and to all our mothers wherever they may be. A mother's love speaks to us so powerfully of God's own love - a love that is sacrificial, unstinting, and always ready to forgive. The prophet Isaiah put it so beautifully when he said, "Can a mother forget her infant? Be without tenderness for the child of her womb? I tell you, even should she forget, I will never forget you." (Is 49:15)

It is no accident that the Church herself is referred to as a Mother, guiding her children in love and always ready to welcome them home. In John 14:18, Jesus promised that He would not leave us orphans, and that promise was fulfilled with the creation of His Church on Pentecost. Filled that day by the Holy Spirit of God, our Mother the Church began her long mission of raising up children in faith to know and love the Lord. "As nurslings, you shall be carried in her arms, and fondled in her lap; as a mother comforts her son, so will I comfort you." (Is 66:13)

Rev. Mark J. Coiro



POPE LEO'S FIRST ADDRESS

"Peace be with you all!"

Dearest brothers and sisters, this is the first greeting of the Risen Christ, the Good Shepherd who gave His life for God's flock. I too wish that this greeting of peace may enter your hearts, reach your families, all people, wherever they may be, all peoples, the whole earth. Peace be with you!

This is the peace of the Risen Christ - an unarmed and disarming peace, humble and persevering. It comes from God, who loves us all unconditionally. We still hear in our ears the weak but always courageous voice of Pope Francis blessing Rome!

The Pope who blessed Rome was giving his blessing to the world, to the whole world, that Easter morning. Allow me to continue that same blessing: God loves us, God loves you all, and evil will not prevail! We are all in God's hands. Therefore, without fear, united hand in hand with God and with one another, let us go forward. We are disciples of Christ. Christ goes before us. The world needs His light. Humanity needs Him as the bridge to be reached by God and His love. Help us - and each other - to build bridges, through dialogue, through encounter, uniting everyone to be one people always in peace. Thank you, Pope Francis!

I also want to thank all my fellow cardinals who chose me to be the Successor of Peter and to walk with you, as a united Church always seeking peace, justice, always striving to work as men and women faithful to Jesus Christ, without fear, to proclaim the Gospel, to be missionaries.

I am a son of Saint Augustine, an Augustinian, who said: "With you I am a Christian, for you I am a bishop." In this spirit, we can all walk together toward that homeland God has prepared for us.

To the Church of Rome, a special greeting! [applause] We must seek together how to be a missionary Church, a Church that builds bridges, dialogue, always open to receive like this square with open arms. Everyone - everyone who needs our charity, our presence, dialogue, and love.

And if you'll allow me, a word, a greeting to all and in a special way to my dear diocese of Chiclayo, in Peru, where a faithful people have accompanied their bishop, have shared their faith, and have given so much, so much to remain a faithful Church of Jesus Christ.

To all of you, brothers and sisters of Rome, of Italy, of the whole world - we want to be a synodal Church, a Church that walks, a Church that always seeks peace, that always seeks charity, that always seeks to be close especially to those who suffer.

Today is the day of the Supplication to Our Lady of Pompeii. Our Mother Mary always wants to walk with us, be close, help us with her intercession and her love.

So I would like to pray together with you. Let us pray together for this new mission, for the whole Church, for peace in the world, and let us ask this special grace from Mary, our Mother.
Hail Mary ..."



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

To the Moms who are struggling, to those filled with incandescent joy.

To the Moms who are remembering children who have died, and pregnancies that miscarried.

To the Moms who decided other parents were the best choice for their babies, to the Moms who adopted those kids and loved them fierce.

To those experiencing frustration or desperation in infertility.

To those who knew they were not called to have kids, and the ways they have contributed to our shared world.

To those who mothered colleagues, mentees, neighborhood kids, and anyone who needed it.

To those remembering Moms no longer with us.

To those moving forward from Moms who did not show love, or hurt those they should have cared for.

Today is a day to honor the unyielding love and care for others we call 'Motherhood,' wherever we have found it and in whatever ways we have found to cultivate it within ourselves.

- Rev. H. Kardon



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, High School 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

LAST SUNDAY'S PARISH OFFERTORY:

Automatic Giving: \$ 4,972.00
 WeShare: \$ 7,320.63
 Envelopes: \$ 7,999.00
 Total Offertory: \$ 20,291.63

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/>.

WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS:

"To maintain a joyful family requires much from both the parents and the children. Each member of the family has to become, in a special way, the servant of the others."

- Pope Saint John Paul II

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	May 10
5:00	Joan Mullen
7:30	Tom and Shirley Chipman
Sunday	May 11
7:30	Judy Cruz
9:30	People of St. Mary's
11:30	William, Marie and Paul Meehan
Monday	May 12
9:00	Jose "Zack" Luis
11:00	Funeral ~ Mary Tetrault
Tuesday	May 13
9:00	John Cocchiarella, 2 nd Anv.
11:00	Funeral ~ Gino Cordani
Wednesday	May 14
9:00	Diane Gootman
10:00	25th Anniversary of WINGS
Thursday	May 15
9:00	Patrick McDonald
Friday	May 16
9:00	Michael Eden
Saturday	May 17
5:00	Paul T. Shea
7:30	Ernie Nichols
Sunday	May 18
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Margaret Doyle
11:30	13th Annual Mass For Graduates.

Join us as we honor and celebrate the Graduating Class of 2025! Ministries will be served by graduates, the Blessed Mother Scholarship will be presented, and we will hear from Class Speaker Anna Gebski. Mass is followed by a Group Photo, then a Reception in Fr. Haley Hall. Congratulations!



TODAY ~ MOTHER'S DAY BOUQUET MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER:

On this special day for mothers, consider celebrating her with a unique bouquet to show your appreciation.

The TGIF teens who will be attending the Summer Mission Trip to Mississippi will be selling beautiful bouquets of flowers in colorful vases for a suggested donation of \$20 a bouquet. Venmo may be used, or cash or checks.

All proceeds from the sales will go directly to the teens to offset the cost of the Mission Trip. Flower bouquets will be for sale after all Masses this Mother's Day Weekend, May 10 and 11. Thank you for supporting this important ministry!

FOR CATHOLIC WOMEN

MOTHER'S DAY BLESSING TODAY: A special Blessing of Mothers will take place at all Masses this weekend. Thank you, Moms, for the gift you are to us!



WINGS ANNIVERSARY MASS, Wednesday, May 14 at 10:00 AM: Join Women In God's Spirit in commemorating our 25th Anniversary! The Celebrant will be Fr. Mark Coiro, with WINGS members lecturing and performing ministries. Music will be offered by Abbey Kelly-Lanser and a Vocal Quartet. A catered brunch in Father Haley Hall will follow the Mass (please email stmaryswingssecretary@gmail.com to RSVP for the brunch).

March 15, 2000, brought the WINGS (Women in God's Spirit) ministry to our parish. WINGS, a group of women who meet for spiritual nourishment and fellowship and desiring to learn and grow in their relationship with God, was started at Saint Mary's by Jennifer Schiller. Speaker presentations and small group faith sharing are cornerstones of WINGS. From St. Mary's, WINGS has spread through the Archdiocese of Boston, becoming a true blessing in many lives. We give thanks for the gift it has been to our parish family!

ST. MARY'S MOM'S PRAYER GROUP, Tuesday, May 13 at 9:45 AM: Please join us this Tuesday 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.

FOR CATHOLIC MEN



COR MEETING, Thursday, May 22: Our second May Cor Meeting will focus on Scripture. All men of St. Mary's Parish age 18 and older are welcome to join us in Fr. Haley Hall this night for faith enrichment, scripture, catechesis, brotherhood, and prayer. Why is Scripture essential? Because, as Saint Ephrem observed, *"The word of God is a tree of life that offers us blessed fruit from each of its branches."* For more information on Cor, please contact StMarysCor@gmail.com.



FOR CATHOLIC FAMILIES

MARRIAGE FELLOWSHIP, Thursday, May 15: St. Mary's Marriage Fellowship is a parish ministry that provides opportunities for married couples to support and encourage each other as we grow spiritually. Come enjoy fellowship and a brief reflection on topics related to marriage, raising children, faith formation and service. Whether you are newly married or have been together for many years, we'd love to meet you! Our next reflection is Thursday, May 15, from 6:30 - 8:00 PM in Sister Ricci House. Free onsite childcare will be provided. For information, contact stmarysmarriagefellowship@gmail.com.

FAMILY ROSARY, Wednesday, May 21: All parishioners are invited to pray the rosary in the church this night. The intention will be for "Peace in the World." Let us ask our Blessed Mother Mary, Queen of Peace, to intercede for all her hurting children, and to help us see Christ in all peoples.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION, A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION, WEDNESDAY, MAY 28 & THURSDAY, MAY 29:

VIGIL MASS, WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 6:00 PM: This Mass will feature a Vocal Sextet singing Thomas Tallis' Missa Ascendens Christus in Altum, a six-voice a cappella Mass setting written for this Feast Day.



FEAST DAY MASSES, THURSDAY, MAY 29, 9:00 AM & 5:30 PM: The 9:00 AM Mass will have Organ and Cantor. 5:30 PM Mass will feature the full St. Mary's Adult Choir. Let us rejoice, for Christ has gone ahead to prepare a place for us!

ANNUAL SPRING PARISH BBQ WITH SHANNA JACKMAN, Saturday, June 21 - SAVE THE DATE!

St. Mary's Family Barbecue is Saturday, June 21 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM in Father Haley Hall. Join us as Tennessee BBQ fires up the grill for BBQ chicken, pulled pork, cheeseburgers, hotdogs, baked beans, corn on the cob and much more. Bring the kids and experience a fun filled evening of good food, friendship and live country music featuring Shanna Jackman! Based in Massachusetts, Shanna is an award winning singer-songwriter and powerhouse entertainer, who entered the country music scene back in 2009 and has been featured with many national recording artists including Dierks Bentley, Blake Shelton, Sara Evans, Gretchen Wilson, and many others. Shanna's style is centered in country, but with roots in rock, pop and soul. She performed here in 2023 and was amazing!

FOR THOSE IN NEED

INTERFAITH SERVICE FOR ADDICTION AND HEALING, This Wednesday, May 14: All are invited to a Service of Hope for individuals who have struggled with addiction or unnatural attachments and for those who suffer alongside them, including those who are currently struggling, those in recovery and those whose lives have been lost to the disease. Sponsored by the Holliston Drug & Alcohol Coalition and iThirst Boston at 7:00 PM at the Fatima Shrine.

K OF C COUNCIL #14224 CHARITY RAFFLE TICKET SALES, Next Weekend, May 17 & 18: The proceeds from this raffle go to local charities such as the Holliston [Senior] Center, O'Connell House, and Metrowest Veterans Emergency Relief Fund. One ticket is \$5 and a book of five tickets is \$20. The first prize is \$1,000, then \$500, \$250, \$150, and \$100 prizes. Knights will sell tickets after all Masses on May 17 and 18. (*Knights will also sell tickets in Downtown Holliston on May 10; Shaws Medway on May 23 and 24; Roche Brother's Millis on May 30 and 31; and Shaws Ashland on June 7 and 8. The drawing will take place at the K of C Fourth Annual Golf tournament on June 20*).

FOR THOSE IN NEED

HOLLISTON PANTRY SHELF: Food items needed at the Pantry: Progresso Soup, Campbell's Chunky Soup, Campbell's Tomato Soup, pasta, pasta sauce, canned peaches (15 oz), canned fruit cocktail, canned corn, tuna fish, snacks and juice boxes. Donations may be dropped off in the tan bin inside the main parking lot double glass doors here at Saint Mary's, or at the Pantry Shelf at 73 Charles Street, Holliston. *"If you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday."* IS 59:10-14

THE ROSE FOR LIFE: Is sponsored this week by Maria Bomba in memory of Michael Eden. Please join her in prayer for an unborn child. Call the rectory office at 508-429-4427 to sponsor the Rose.

FOR OUR YOUTH



MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP END OF YEAR PARENT POTLUCK, Next Sunday, May 18: The event is from 6:30 - 8:30 PM: Service awards will be given out, there will be a giant slideshow of all this year's events, our 8TH Graders will receive gifts and a special blessing as they head off to High School, and there will be raftmate and Brownstone Quarry Sign-Ups this night.

As always, the End of Year Meeting is for current members only. Thanks everyone for another amazing year of faith, friendship, service, and fun!



T.G.I.F. (Teens Gather In Faith): What a wonderful May meeting. I hope you left with a full stomach and a full heart. I pray the words of our guest speaker Taurie inspired you to boldly live out your faith. On Friday, May 9, I mailed out invitations to teens that were selected to be Mission Trip Van Group Teen Leaders. They will hit homes by the middle of the week. I will also send an email to those teens on Wednesday, May 14, with the same invitation. I ask that you email me to accept the role of Van Group Teen Leader. Once I hear back from everyone, I will email all TEENS ATTENDING THE MISSION TRIP with the Van Group Teen Leader names.

Our last T.G.I.F. Meeting is Sunday, June 1, 6:30 - 8:30 PM. Note the change in meeting time! This meeting is our FAMILY POTLUCK. We ask that your families join us for food and fellowship. The end of the year slide show will be shown, so we can recap the year and share it with your families. Details will be emailed out two weeks prior to the meeting with a Sign-Up for everyone (except Seniors) to bring an item to share.

UPCOMING TGIF EVENTS:

Saturday, May 10 and Sunday, May 11 - Mother's Day Flower Sales.
 Sunday, May 18, 11:30 AM - Mass for the Graduating Class of 2025.
 Saturday, May 31 - Boundless Adventures.
 Sunday, June 1 - T.G.I.F. Family Potluck Celebration.
 Saturday, June 7 - Car Wash, Fatima Shrine.
 Saturday, June 21 - Car Wash, St. Mary's.

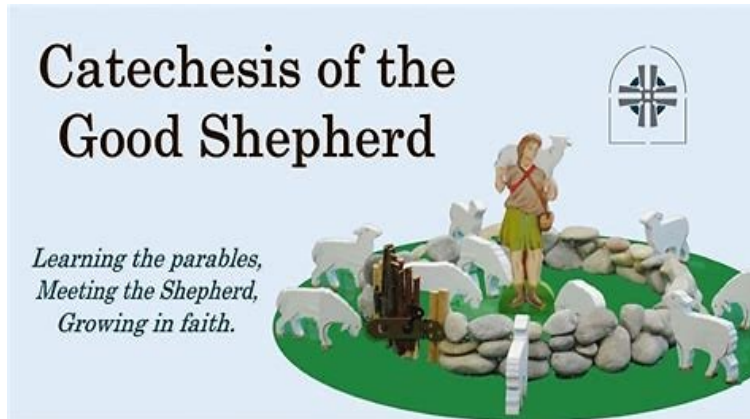


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Have questions? st.marysTGIF1870@gmail.com. Be sure to check out our Instagram @stmarys_tgif or by scanning this QR code to see what we are up to, for a daily dose of faith and to see upcoming events.

FOR OUR YOUTH



NEW THIS FALL! FOR THREE-YEAR-OLD, PRE-K, AND KINDERGARTEN CHILDREN:

Exciting changes are coming this fall to the Pre-K and Kindergarten Religious Education programs at St. Mary's! We will be using a new curriculum called the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS). This Montessori-based curriculum helps children and their teachers develop a personal relationship with Jesus. In a sacred space called the Atrium, children work with concrete materials that help them learn about the life and teachings of Jesus with particular emphasis on the parable of the Good Shepherd. We are in the process of

creating our Atrium in the upper rooms of the Sister Ricci House. While this program will be new to St. Mary's, it started in Italy in the 1950s and came to the USA in the 1980s. The CGS curriculum is approved by the Archdiocese of Boston. Children who are 3 years old by September 1, 2025 or are in Pre-K or Kindergarten will be eligible to register. Sessions will meet **twice a month for about 90 minutes a session**. Catechists in the CGS program take special training. We are looking for good people to be trained as CGS Catechists. If you are interested in participating in this new program, please contact the Religious Education Office at 508-429-6076 or st.marysrel870@gmail.com.



TRUE NORTH VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, July 21 - 25: 9 AM – NOON:

Calling all campers entering Grades K - 6 and volunteers entering Grade 7 - adults! Online registrations are now open. Just scan the QR Code! Kids will discover a world gone wild with Jesus, our true north to show us the way.



***GRADE 2 END OF YEAR REVIEW CLASSES:** All Grade 2 children are required to attend the end of the year review before the First Communion rehearsals in June. Mrs. Crespi will conduct the class on how to properly receive the Holy Eucharist and review the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist with the children.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS SCHEDULE

DAY	GRADE	GRADE
Sun., May 11	GR-4 at 10:45 AM	GR-6 at 4:00 PM
Tues., May 13	GR-6 at 4:00 PM	GR-6 at 5:00 PM
	GR-10 at 7:00 PM	
Thur., May 15	GR-10 at 7:00 PM	
Sun., May 18	GR-2 at 8:10 AM*	GR-2 at 10:45 AM*
	GR-6 at 4:00 PM	
Wed., May 21	GR-2 at 4:30 PM*	

CONFIRMATION YEAR 2 ~ GRADES 10: Classes will meet on Tuesday, May 13 and Thursday, May 15 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2025-2026: Registrations for Religious Education will once again be online beginning in June. Please know that Grade 7 is scheduled for Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 7:00 PM in the fall. Grade 8 will meet on Mondays and Thursdays at 7:00 PM. Grades 9 and 10 will meet on Tuesdays and Wednesdays on the opposite weeks of Grades 7 and 8, at 7:00 PM.

FALL 2025 CONFIRMATION DATE: Our Confirmation date for this coming fall is **Saturday, September 27, 2025** and will be celebrated by Bishop Reed. Once you have passed your End of Year Review, turned in a Sponsor Form and any outstanding work, and completed your five service events, you will be able to select a specific Confirmation Celebration in September - either at 10:30 AM or at 12:45 PM. Come Holy Spirit!