



"In the Sacred Heart, every treasure of wisdom and knowledge is hidden. In that divine heart beats God's infinite love for everyone and for each of us as individuals."

- Pope Saint John Paul II

JUNE

MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

This past Fall, Pope Francis gave us a new Encyclical on the Sacred Heart of Jesus (*Dilexit Nos: On the Human and Divine Love of the Heart of Jesus Christ*). In it, he encourages Catholics to find courage and comfort in the Sacred Heart of Our Lord, and to promote devotion to it.

Since the 17th Century, Catholics have dedicated the Month of June to the Sacred Heart. The Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in this month, (Friday, June 27 this year).

In addition to the liturgical celebration, many devotional exercises connected with the Sacred Heart of Jesus are celebrated in June.

Here at St. Mary's, we will be participating in a Novena to the Sacred Heart beginning on June 15. A special evening on Pope Francis' Sacred Heart Encyclical will be offered on Monday, June 23 in Fr. Haley Hall from 7-8 PM. A special evening Mass will be celebrated on the Feast Day, Friday, June 27 at 7 PM.

Thanks to a Sacred Heart donation made by a parishioner, we are also able to offer our families lawn signs promoting devotion to the Sacred Heart in June. They are styled as above, but with a resource website instead of the John Paul II quote. If you would like a sign to place on your lawn this month, please take one after Mass. Remember, Jesus promised that special blessings flow wherever the image of His Sacred Heart is displayed, so how wonderful if we see His heart all over Holliston in the month of its devotion!

Devotion to the Sacred Heart highlights the deep love and mercy of Jesus for all humanity and is not limited to specific devotions or practices. It is a call to embrace His love, mercy, and compassion in all aspects of our life. It invites believers to encounter and respond to His love with devotion, gratitude, and a desire to share His love with others. Through this devotion, we seek to deepen our personal relationship with Jesus, embrace His love, and strive to live in accordance with His teachings and example.

May our actions and attitudes be guided by the example of Jesus' Sacred Heart, seeking to love as He loves and serve as He serves.



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

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Religious Education Phone: 429 - 6076

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 - 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, 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



RECTORY OFFICE SUMMER

HOURS: Please note that during the summer months of June, July, and August the Rectory Office is closed on Mondays and Tuesdays. On other weekdays it remains open the usual 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM hours. Mass Cards may also be obtained at the

Religious Education Office off of the Parish Center Lobby. Have a safe and faith filled summer!

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	May 31
5:00	Robert Barrett
7:30	Evan Welch
Sunday	June 1
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	William Concannon
11:30	Deceased Members of the McDermott
Monday	June 2
9:00	Gregory Phelan, 7 th Anv.
Tuesday	June 3
9:00	Catherine MacNeil
Wednesday	June 4
9:00	Marcos Laguna
Thursday	June 5
9:00	Ann Tomacelli
Friday	June 6
9:00	Fr. Issa and the People of our Sister Parish, Our Lady of Fatima, Beit Sahour
Saturday	June 7
5:00	Marion Kampersal
7:30	John and Helen Shannahan
Sunday	June 8
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Costantina DiCenso
11:30	Rev. Edward Caron



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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

This past Thursday, we celebrated the Holy Day of the Ascension. Together we heard the story of Jesus' Ascension to heaven, His promise of the Holy Spirit, and His commission to the disciples and all of us to preach His Gospel throughout the world.

Now today, the scriptures tell us of the very first death of a Christian - St. Stephen, who was martyred for his proclamation of Jesus. We are told that Stephen saw Jesus seated at the right hand of the Father in heaven, reminding us that Jesus returned to heaven in order to make a place for us there.

Stephen saw "the heavens opening", and his loving Lord before him. And that is what Christ promises that every faithful Christian shall see when our earthly journey has run its course.

We will be living out Jesus' Ascension call to spread the Good News everywhere, by focusing this month on devotion to His Sacred Heart. This is in response to Pope Francis' recent call to promote this devotion, in his Encyclical *Dilexit Nos*. Devotion to the Sacred Heart is devotion to Jesus and His love.

This wounded world of ours is in such desperate need of the love of Jesus - a love which does not discriminate but recognizes the value and dignity of all. As Pope Francis says in *Dilexit Nos*:

"In the presence of the heart of Christ, I once more ask the Lord to have mercy on this suffering world in which he chose to dwell as one of us. May he pour out the treasures of his light and love, so that our world, which presses forward despite wars, socio-economic disparities, and uses of technology that threaten our humanity, may regain the most important and necessary thing of all: its heart." (No. 31).

God bless you!

Rev. Mark J. Coiro



The devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus originated in the revelations received by St. Margaret Mary Alacoque in the 17th century, who experienced visions of Christ's Sacred Heart, calling for love, reparation, and devotion. Since then, the devotion has spread throughout the Church.

Symbolically, the heart has long been regarded as the center of love, both in a physical and metaphorical sense.

In the devotion to the Sacred Heart, the heart of Jesus represents the divine wellspring of love, the source from which flows an abundance of compassion, mercy, and grace. It is the heart that symbolizes the core of Christ's message - love God above all and love your neighbor as yourself.

Often depicted within the image of the Sacred Heart is a flame, representing the burning fire of divine love. This flame signifies the intensity and transformative power of God's love, capable of purifying and enkindling our hearts.

It is a sign or a symbol of both the divine and human love that Jesus has for his Father and for us. It also symbolizes the interior life of Jesus which led to his willingness to lay down his life for us. It is a symbol based on our belief in the Incarnation - a firm belief that the second person of the Blessed Trinity became human with all the feelings, emotions, and desires we usually associate with the human heart.

It is that human heart - directly united to the divine person - which expresses God's love in a human way perfectly and purely since Jesus is free from sin, which is centered on Jesus' burning love for all.

FOR OUR CHURCH

SECOND COLLECTION FOR SEMINARIES

NEXT WEEKEND: Supports the formation and training of seminarians in the Archdiocese of Boston for service, we pray, as future priests. Please be generous and support these seminarians on their journey toward their ordination to the priesthood. For more information, kindly visit www.VocationsBoston.org.

LAST SUNDAY'S PARISH OFFERTORY:

Automatic Giving:	\$ 3,539.50
WeShare:	\$ 4,869.20
Envelopes:	\$ 5,080.00
Total Offertory:	\$ 13,488.70
Weekly Need:	\$ 15,000.00

SHORTFALL: \$ 1,511.30



Each year, St. Mary's faces the challenge of a summer offertory drop off when people are travelling. Just as your mortgage, utility bills, etc., all still have to be paid when you are on vacation or otherwise away from home, so St. Mary's expenses still remain when you are not able to worship at your own parish on a given weekend.

That is why making up your "missed" weekly offertory support is so very important. Mass envelopes can help you keep track of this.

But an even better option is electronic giving. This allows you to maintain your customary weekly parish support even when you are away on vacation. It also protects your parish on long holiday weekends, foul weather weekends, sickness, (even pandemic), or other challenges during the year.

These online services allow you to maintain your support without having to remember to mail or drop off envelopes. Even if you are at Mass in person again, these forms of giving mean not having to remember to bring checkbooks and/or envelopes with you.

Kindly consider switching to WeShare or Automatic Giving. See: <https://stmarysholliston.com/how-to-give/>.

FOR OUR YOUTH



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

Our last T.G.I.F. meeting is tonight, 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. Please come and support your teen and meet the adult volunteers and peers your teens spend so much time with. Please show up for them! The end of the year slide show will be shown, so we can recap the year and share it with your families. We will honor the T.G.I.F. Seniors at this meeting! To plan accordingly, a SignUpGenius was emailed out for families to sign up to bring an item to share. All registered TGIF teens will receive this email, Seniors are our guests and are not expected to contribute.



Upcoming T.G.I.F. Events:

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.
Tuesday, June 24 - Wed., June 25 - Maine Rafting Trip.
Have questions? st.marysTGIF1870@gmail.com.
Check out our Instagram @stmarys_tgif or by scanning the QR code to see what we are up to, for a daily dose of faith, and to see upcoming events.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH

GROUP: We look forward to a great summer of adventures in faith together!



Upcoming MSYG Events:

Tuesday, June 24 - Wednesday, June 25, Grade 7 & 8 Kennebec Whitewater Rafting Trip, Maine.
Tuesday, July 29 - All Day at Brownstone Quarry, Connecticut.
Friday, August 22 - Grade 6 Deerfield River Whitewater Rafting, MA.

NEWCOMERS WELCOME! YOUTH CHOIRS

CELEBRATION: As a congratulation to our current singers and an invitation to all of next year's music-interested newcomers in Grades 3 - 12, we'd like to invite you to join us on Wednesday, June 18 in the Lower Hall from 3:30 - 5:30 PM for our final rehearsal and music party! Bring yourself, and your instrument if you play one, for musical games and treats. Siblings, friends, and parents are most welcome!

FOR OUR YOUTH

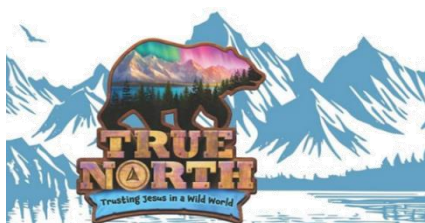


TRUE NORTH VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, JULY 21 - 25, 9 AM - NOON:

Camper registration ends tomorrow,

Monday, June 2. Calling all campers entering Grades K - 6 and volunteers entering

Grade 7 - adults! Online registrations are open through tomorrow. Just scan the QR Code! This will be the ultimate adventure where northern lights glow over majestic mountains, racing rivers, and glistening glaciers. As the kids trek the tundra, they will explore how easy it is to lose sight of what's true in our wild world today.



Pointing toward Jesus, True North VBS will show them that Jesus is a faithful Friend we can always trust. Kids will discover True North at the **Sticky Scripture Station** where they will be engaged taking God's Word from their heads to their hearts. How about **Imagination Station** where Crews and their Leaders use the Crew Teaching Kit to explore firsthand a wilderness full of science and wows! Keep watch for a list of needed materials and supplies for VBS!

VBS
REGISTRATION
ENDS TOMORROW.
ONLY 12
SPOTS LEFT!

FOR CATHOLIC FAMILIES

SHANNA JACKMAN TO PERFORM AT ST. MARY'S FAMILY BBQ, SATURDAY, JUNE 21! 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 Blake Shelton and Gretchen Wilson. She has performed for the Boston Bruins since 2009 and is sought after by many in the Military community. Shanna's style is centered in country, but with roots in rock, pop and soul. Her first Nashville recorded EP in 2013, includes original songs that take a personal look into her life and experiences. Her single 'Answer the Call' has streamed over 1 million times on Spotify and iTunes and has over 3 million views on YouTube. In 2020, Shanna went back in the studio writing for a more faith inspired project. Shanna has since collaborated with Dierks Bentley, Sara Evans and many others. Listen at: <https://shannajackman.com/home!>

Shanna Jackman



BBQ
TICKETS
ON SALE
NEXT
WEEKEND!

THE ST. MARY'S FAMILY BBQ IS COMING!

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! Come meet your neighbors! Tickets: \$7 for kids 12 and under, \$10 for adults. Tickets go on sale after all Masses the weekend of June 7 and 8, and 14 and 15, and may also be purchased through the Religious Education Office (508-429-6076) starting June 9. There are no tickets at the door.

FOR CATHOLIC WOMEN

ST. MARY'S MOM'S PRAYER GROUP, This Tuesday, June 3: Please join us for our last meeting before the summer break 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.

WINGS: Our Women in God's Spirit Spring Season has now finished. We have spent a very fruitful WINGS 2024-25 year studying, reflecting on, and improving our relationship with God, our families, and our communities with our inspiring speakers; culminating in our beautiful 25th Anniversary Mass and brunch celebration. All our 2024-25 WINGS presentations can be found on the WINGS website. Scroll down to the bottom. We are now evaluating our WINGS plans for next year. Tell us what topics you would like to know more about or speakers you would like to hear. What would bring you to WINGS? Email stmaryswingssecretary@gmail.com or call Jen at 617-852-9632. See you in the Fall!

SAINTS FOR CATHOLIC MEN

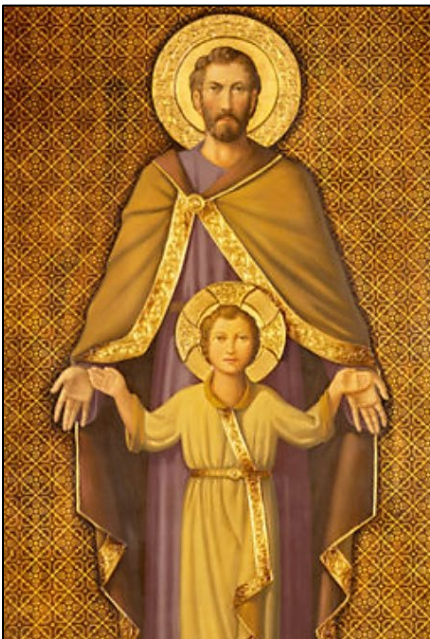


**COR ~ ST. MARY'S FAITH ENRICHMENT PROGRAM FOR MEN,
Thursday, June 12 from 7 - 9 PM:**

The Spring 2025 Session of Cor continues to meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays through June with our mission to help focus Catholic men on Jesus by building Christ-centered brotherhood through a simple, flexible framework of prayer, formation and fraternity.

We look forward to our 6th Cor meeting this season on Thursday June 12, from 7 - 9 PM in Father Haley Hall where we will discuss the Catechesis teachings regarding Saints, male Saint role models and our favorite Saints.

All men of St. Mary's parish age 18 and older are welcome to join us for faith enrichment, scripture, catechesis, prayer and brotherhood. For more information, contact StMarysCor@gmail.com.



Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.



FOR THOSE IN URGENT NEED



URGENT CALL TO ACTION BY CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES: On Tuesday night, Catholic Relief Services received formal notification that the administration has terminated all but two of Catholic Relief Services' McGovern-Dole Food for Education school feeding programs - cutting off daily meals for nearly 800,000 children in 11 countries beginning in July. For many, this was their only meal of the day.



Your voice is urgently needed so we can continue to work for a world where no child goes hungry. Without these meals, children will be forced to learn on empty stomachs, putting their health and futures at risk. School feeding programs increase literacy and learning outcomes, reduce absences due to hunger and illness, and support local economies and reduce migration.

Funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, CRS partners with governments and communities to sustain school meal programs and strengthen a child's education. These programs not only nourish students, but they also stabilize families and communities. Meanwhile, award terminations within USDA's Food for Progress programs further threaten food security and economic stability in vulnerable communities.

Please email your members of Congress, asking them to urge the administration to reverse these terminations and continue providing lifesaving and life-affirming food aid.

The most impactful form of emailing is to the staffer you have a relationship with already in the office. You can also use the following action alerts:

English Action Alert: <https://support.crs.org/act/mcgovern-dole>,

Spanish Action Alert: <https://support.crs.org/abogar/mcgovern-dole>.



Please also share with your networks. Thank you! Monsignor Bryan Hehir

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.

THE ROSE FOR LIFE: Is sponsored this week by the Caron Family. Please join them in prayer for an unborn child. Call the rectory office at 508-429-4427 to sponsor the Rose.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 17th ANNUAL CHARITY RAFFLE: The Council is selling chances for our annual Charity Raffle. This is your chance to win the first prize of \$1,000 then \$500, \$250, \$150 or \$100. Tickets are a book of five tickets for \$20 or one ticket for \$5. Even if you don't win a prize, all our proceeds benefit the Holliston (Senior) Center, Veteran's charities, and other worthy charities. The Council will be selling raffle tickets at Shaw's, Ashland on June 7 and 8. The drawing will take place at the K of C Fourth Annual Golf tournament on June 20. Thank you for your support!

FOR OUR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STUDENTS



NEW THIS FALL ~ CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD FOR THREE-YEAR-OLD, PRE-K, AND KINDERGARTEN CHILDREN:

Register your young children for the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Program (CGS) starting in October, 2025. 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. The upper



rooms in Sr. Ricci House will become our Atrium for CGS. Children who are 3 years old by September 1, 2025 or are in Pre-K or Kindergarten will be eligible to register. Sessions meet **twice a month**. We are seeking good people to be trained as CGS Catechists. Teens who will need volunteer service for Confirmation are welcome to be assistant teachers. If you are interested in teaching CGS, please contact the Religious Education Office at 508-429-6076 or st.marysre1870@gmail.com. Catechists in the CGS Program have special training. Go to <https://www.cgsusa.org/course> and select the state or area where **Level I** courses are offered.

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!

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN WORKSHOP: On Saturday, June 21 at 9:00 AM there will be a PGC Workshop in Room 3 - 4 of the Parish Center. Any volunteers for VBS or other Ministries should take this workshop.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2025-2026: Registrations for Religious Education will 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.

RECRUITING TEACHERS FOR 2025-2026 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM: Summer is coming and it is time to pray, plan and reflect on Christ's call to ministry. There will be a need for many teachers for the elementary grades 1 - 6 that meet on alternate Sundays, and weekdays from 4 to 5:30 PM. The middle school and high school grades meet during the week in the evening from 7 to 8:30 PM. Our Grade Level Coordinators assist teachers during the year. Our Youth Confirmation Program, for Grades 7 - 10, meets on alternate weeks in the evening from 7 to 8:30 PM. Please contact us at 508-429-6076 or at st.marysre1870@gmail.com. Saint Mary's is fortunate to have dedicated and faith filled teachers who volunteer their time to assist families in evangelizing and guiding children and youth in developing a full conscience of God's presence and love for them. **THANK YOU!**



JUNE ~ MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS! *"As to persons living in the world, they shall find in this devotion all the aids necessary in their state of life: peace in their homes, consolation in their work, the blessing of heaven upon all their enterprises, comfort in their sorrows, a secure refuge during life and especially at the hours of death. It is plainly evident that there is no one in the world who will not receive all kinds of heavenly blessings if they have a true love of Jesus Christ manifested by a devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus."* - St. Margaret Mary Alacoque