



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 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

This July, 93 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, help those in need, and get to know the people they serve. It is a beautiful expression of our Parish Family's Mission to love and serve God in our neighbor. Thank you for supporting them!



Mississippi Mission Trip Car Wash!

Next Saturday, June 21 from 10:30 AM - 3:00 PM in St. Mary's Parking Lot.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	June 14
5:00	Vincent Mullen
7:30	People of St. Mary's
Sunday	June 15
7:30	Judy Cruz
9:30	Jerzy Zeglarski
11:30	Patrick McDonald
Monday	June 16
9:00	Celia Skiffington
Tuesday	June 17
9:00	Holy Souls
Wednesday	y June 18
9:00	Paul T. Shea
Thursday	June 19
9:00	Joan Quigley
Friday	June 20
9:00	Romano and Concetta Giovanelli
Saturday	June 21
5:00	John Cocchiarella
7:30	Deceased Members of the D'Agostino
	and Kadlec Families
Sunday	June 22
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Edward, Anna and Frances DiCenso
11:30	Ricardo Lachica

ONE WEEK TO BBQ!

THE ST. MARY'S FAMILY BBQ IS

COMING! St. Mary's Family Barbecue is next 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 are on sale after all Masses this weekend and may also be purchased through the Religious Education Office (508-429-6076) until Wednesday of this week. There are no tickets at the door, so get yours today!

FIRST COMMUNIONS!

Yesterday we rejoiced in welcoming another twenty-two First Communicants to the Table of the Lord. May their new connection to Jesus in the Eucharist be a wonderful source of spiritual nourishment in their lives. Please pray for these Little Ones of God and congratulate them when you see them at Mass today!

Camila Victoria Aguilar Antonio Jose Albornoz Anya Marie Bishop **Andrew Thomas Brouillard Ryder Ferro Catlin** Lacey Morgan Ferrick **Edith Lorraine Floeckher** Jane Frances Floeckher Jack Demilt Fowler Sienna Reilly Fowler **Bridget Jane Hanlon Thomas Joseph Leach** Olivia De Oliveira Locatelli Jameson Joseph Lucek Rayea Reese Marshall SkylarRose Margaux Meek-Mnich Lydia Reese Miller Jacob Mateo Morse **Felix Grace Lamim Santos** Isabella Eve Santos Olivia Maria Santos Olivia Kate Stanek

JUNE 21 BBQ TICKETS ARE

ON SALE TODAY!

AWARD WINNING COUNTRY SINGER SHANNA JACKMAN TO PERFORM!



FOR OUR CHURCH

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND:

Next week's second collection 'Promoting the Gospel' supports the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) and the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Through the work of CCHD and CCC, the Gospel is promoted by supporting those in poverty, providing grants to community based groups and using the entire array of media tools available today to evangelize and promote Gospel values. For more information please visit www.usccb.org/cchd.

SECOND COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND:

Seminarians Collection \$3,072.00. Thank you!

LAST SUNDAY'S PARISH OFFERTORY:

Automatic Giving: \$ 2,824.00
WeShare: \$ 3,556.76
Envelopes: \$ 8,188.00
Total Offertory: \$ 14,568.76
Weekly Need: \$ 15,000.00

Shortfall: \$ 431.24

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/.

FOR THOSE IN 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.

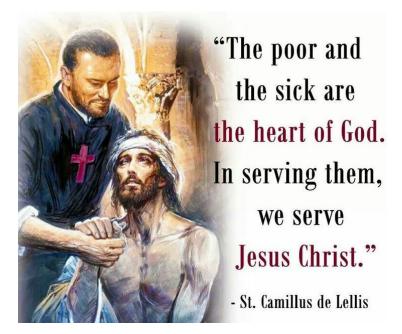
Funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, CRS partners with governments and communities to sustain school meal programs and strengthen a child's

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 alert: https://support.crs.org/act/mcgovern-dole.

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



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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 17th ANNUAL CHARITY RAFFLE: Thank you for all our supporters! Raffle proceeds will benefit the Holliston (Senior) Center, Veteran's charities, and other worthy charities. The drawing will take place at the K of C Fourth Annual Golf tournament on June 20.



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

One God, existing as three distinct persons, sharing the same divine nature. This is the great mystery celebrated by today's Feast of the Holy Trinity, a truth revealed in Sacred Scripture but impossible for the mind to fully comprehend. Over the centuries, many illustrations have been offered for the Holy Trinity - an equilateral triangle, the shamrock, three musical notes making a single chord of sound, just to name a few.

Ultimately, all examples fall short. But while we may never fully grasp the mystery of the Trinity, there is one very important truth that it reveals. Our God, even in His inmost being, is a God of relationships. What are Father and Son if not titles that speak to us of relationship, the Holy Spirit in all love flowing from them both? And if our God is first and foremost a God who relates, even within Himself, then it should not surprise us that in order to draw close to Him, we also must enter into relationships. Truly this is the most basic premise of the Church, the belief that we can draw closer to God as a community of faith than we could ever do as isolated individuals. The Church, a body of believers entering into relationships of mutual love, faith, and support is in one sense an image of the Trinity.

The fact that relationships are key in drawing close to God was clearly expressed in Jesus' answer to the question, "What is the greatest commandment?" Jesus said, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like unto it: Love your neighbor as yourself." Jesus is asked to name one commandment, but He answers with two commandments that are inseparable - love God and love your neighbor. The first is not possible without the second, as the Triune God is relational. Whenever, therefore, we seek to build community and to extend ourselves selflessly to each other in love, we are acting in a Trinitarian manner.

In this time of national unrest and division, let the Holy Trinity be for us a model of equality and community. When we pray the Lord's Prayer, let us be conscious that the words "Our Father," link us to every other human person on the planet. Let us strive to embrace every human being as our brother or sister in Christ. Let us invoke the Holy Spirit of God, begging His sevenfold gifts of Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Fear of the Lord. Let us look for Jesus in every person we meet, regardless of race, age, health, gender, religion, politics, nationality, or state of grace. For whatsoever we do unto them, we do also unto the Lord.

In His Service and Yours.

Rev. Mark J. Coiro



SACRED HEART NOVENA

The Sacred Heart Novena is traditionally prayed for nine days leading up to the Feast of the Sacred Heart, which is on June 27, 2025. The Novena begins on Wednesday, June 18, 2025, and ends on Thursday, June 26, 2025. The novena is a way to honor the Sacred Heart of Jesus and seek His intercession for special needs and graces.

The Novena is provided day by day on the following pages. All parishioners are encouraged to take part, as we prepare for the Feast of the Sacred Heart. Here at St. Mary's both 9 AM and 7 PM Masses will be celebrated that day.

Day 1, Wednesday, June 18 - Here I am, because you called me!

OPENING PRAYER

Sacred Heart of Jesus, source of true love, living sign of the tenderness of God who becomes flesh, who draws near and gives himself without reserve. In you we discover the deepest truth of our existence: that we were created out of love, for love, and that our life is a constant call to embrace that love and give it to others.

O Sacred Heart, help us to remain in you. May we, listening to your heartbeat, experience the sweetness of your love. May your fire transform us and send us out. May the blood and water that flow from your side be a source of life and nourishment for our souls. Amen.

GOSPEL (Matthew 9:9)

As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the customs post. He said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.

REFLECTION

The venerable image portraying Christ holding out his loving heart also shows him looking directly at us, inviting us to encounter, dialogue and trust; it shows his strong hands capable of supporting us and his lips that speak personally to each of us.

He himself told us, "I am sending you out" (Luke 10:3). It is part of our being friends with him. For this friendship to mature, however, it is up to you to let him send you forth on a mission in this world, and to carry it out confidently, generously, freely and fearlessly. (*Dilexit Nos*, 54 and 215)

CLOSING PRAYER

Lord Jesus, your love precedes us. Help us to know that we are loved by you, to discover that dream of love you have for each of us which is your call, and to respond to it by accepting your love and giving ourselves to others.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, make my heart like yours. Amen.

Day 2, Thursday, June 19 - A call of love.

OPENING PRAYER

Sacred Heart of Jesus, source of true love, living sign of the tenderness of God who becomes flesh, who draws near and gives himself without reserve. In you we discover the deepest truth of our existence: that we were created out of love, for love, and that our life is a constant call to embrace that love and give it to others.

O Sacred Heart, help us to remain in you. May we, listening to your heartbeat, experience the sweetness of your love. May your fire transform us and send us out. May the blood and water that flow from your side be a source of life and nourishment for our souls. Amen.

GOSPEL (John 19:28)

After this, aware that everything was now finished, in order that the scripture might be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I thirst."

REFLECTION

Jesus spoke of his thirst for love and revealed that his heart is not indifferent to the way we respond to that thirst. In his words, "I thirst, but with a thirst so ardent to be loved by men in the Most Blessed Sacrament, that this thirst consumes me; and I have not encountered anyone who makes an effort, according to my desire, to quench my thirst, giving back a return for my love". Jesus asks for love. Once the faithful heart realizes this, its spontaneous response is one of love, not a desire to multiply sacrifices or simply discharge a burdensome duty. (*Dilexit Nos*, 166)

CLOSING PRAYER

Lord Jesus, teach us to understand life as a call to live in your love. May the thirst for our love that led you to descend, to humble yourself, to become one of us, be a source of eternal life that satisfies the longings of our hearts and draws us closer to you each day.



DAY 3, Friday, June 20 - A response of love.

OPENING PRAYER

Sacred Heart of Jesus, source of true love, living sign of the tenderness of God who becomes flesh, who draws near and gives himself without reserve. In you we discover the deepest truth of our existence: that we were created out of love, for love, and that our life is a constant call to embrace that love and give it to others.



O Sacred Heart, help us to remain in you. May we, listening to your heartbeat, experience the sweetness of your love. May your fire transform us and send us out. May the blood and water that flow from your side be a source of life and nourishment for our souls. Amen.

GOSPEL (Luke 1:38)

Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

REFLECTION

Once our hearts welcome the love of Christ in complete trust, and enable its fire to spread in our lives, we become capable of loving others as Christ did, in humility and closeness to all. In this way, Christ satisfies his thirst and gloriously spreads the flames of his ardent and gracious love in us and through us. How can we fail to see the magnificent harmony present in all this? (*Dilexit Nos*, 203)

CLOSING PRAYER

Lord Jesus, help us understand that the fullness of life lies in accepting your unconditional love that transforms us and giving it to others. In this way, we make your Kingdom present in the world.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, make my heart like yours. Amen.

DAY 4, Saturday, June 21 - The Spiritual life, an encounter with Christ that calls us.

OPENING PRAYER

Sacred Heart of Jesus, source of true love, living sign of the tenderness of God who becomes flesh, who draws near and gives himself without reserve. In you we discover the deepest truth of our existence: that we were created out of love, for love, and that our life is a constant call to embrace that love and give it to others.

O Sacred Heart, help us to remain in you. May we, listening to your heartbeat, experience the sweetness of your love. May your fire transform us and send us out. May the blood and water that flow from your side be a source of life and nourishment for our souls. Amen.

GOSPEL (John 1:39)

He said to them, "Come, and you will see." So they went and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day. It was about four in the afternoon.

REFLECTION

Although the Scriptures preserve Jesus' words, ever alive and timely, there are moments when he speaks to us inwardly, calls us and leads us to a better place. That better place is his heart. There he invites us to find fresh strength and peace: "Come to me, all who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest" (Mt 11:28). In this sense, he could say to his disciples, "Abide in me" (John 15:4). (*Dilexit Nos*, 43)

CLOSING PRAYER

Lord Jesus, help us to grow each day in friendship with you, to encounter your living presence in the sacraments, in your Word, in prayer, and in our brothers and sisters. Allow us to enter your wounded side in order to remain in your love, a love that knows us, calls us, and longs to speak to you heart to heart.

DAY 5, Sunday, June 22 - Apostolate, an encounter with Jesus who sends us out.

OPENING PRAYER

Sacred Heart of Jesus, source of true love, living sign of the tenderness of God who becomes flesh, who draws near and gives himself without reserve. In you we discover the deepest truth of our existence: that we were created out of love, for love, and that our life is a constant call to embrace that love and give it to others.



O Sacred Heart, help us to remain in you. May we, listening to your heartbeat, experience the sweetness of your love. May your fire transform us and send us out. May the blood and water that flow from your side be a source of life and nourishment for our souls. Amen.

GOSPEL (John 20:21)

[Jesus] said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

REFLECTION

The flames of love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus also expand through the Church's missionary outreach, which proclaims the message of God's love revealed in Christ. (...) Mission, as a radiation of the love of the heart of Christ, requires missionaries who are themselves in love and who, enthralled by Christ, feel bound to share this love that has changed their lives. (*Dilexit Nos*, 207 and 209)

CLOSING PRAYER

Lord Jesus, teach us to look at the world with your eyes and to love it with your heart, so that, sharing your sentiments, we may not remain indifferent to its needs and may respond with joy: "Here I am, send me" (Isaiah 6:8).

Sacred Heart of Jesus, make my heart like yours. Amen.

DAY 6, Monday, June 23 *

TONIGHT!

St. Mary's offers a one-hour Reflection and Sharing on Pope Francis' Sacred Heart Encyclical "Dilexit Nos."

Join Pastoral Associate and Parishioner Leo Racine, as we receive this beautiful gift from the late Holy Father.

Monday, June 23, Father Haley Hall from 7 - 8 PM.

There is no cost, and materials will be provided. Just bring yourself and an open heart!

Mere appearances, dishonesty, and deception harm and pervert the heart. Despite our every attempt to appear as something we are not, our heart is the ultimate judge, not of what we show or hide from others, but of who we truly are. It is the basis for any sound life project; nothing worthwhile can be undertaken apart from the heart. False appearances and untruths ultimately leave us empty-handed.

(Dilexit Nos #6)

If we find it hard to trust others because we have been hurt by lies, injuries, and disappointments, the Lord whispers in our ear: 'Take heart, son!' (Mt 9:2), 'Take heart, daughter!' (Mt 9:22). He encourages us to overcome our fear and to realize that, with him at our side, we have nothing to lose.

(Dilexit Nos #37)



DAY 6 - Accompaniment, an encounter with Christ who walks beside us.

OPENING PRAYER

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O Sacred Heart, help us to remain in you. May we, listening to your heartbeat, experience the sweetness of your love. May your fire transform us and send us out. May the blood and water that flow from your side be a source of life and nourishment for our souls. Amen.

GOSPEL (Luke 24:32)

Then they said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning [within us] while he spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?"

REFLECTION

Christ shows that God is closeness, compassion and tender love. Whenever Jesus healed someone, he preferred to do it, not from a distance but in close proximity: "He stretched out his hand and touched him" (Mt 8:3). "He touched her hand" (Mt 8:15). "He touched their eyes" (Mt 9:29). Once he even stopped to cure a deaf man with his own saliva (cf. Mk 7:33), as a mother would do, so that people would not think of him as removed from their lives. "The Lord knows the fine science of the caress. In his compassion, God does not love us with words; he comes forth to meet us and, by his closeness, he shows us the depth of his tender love". (*Dilexit Nos*, 35-36).

CLOSING PRAYER

Lord Jesus, open our eyes so that we may discover you at our side, renewing the most essential calling at every moment: the call to holiness, to live a life of communion with you in love.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, make my heart like yours. Amen.

DAY 7, Tuesday, June 24 - Formation, an encounter with Jesus that lets us acquire his mind and heart.

OPENING PRAYER

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O Sacred Heart, help us to remain in you. May we, listening to your heartbeat, experience the sweetness of your love. May your fire transform us and send us out. May the blood and water that flow from your side be a source of life and nourishment for our souls. Amen.

GOSPEL (Matthew 11:29)

Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves.

REFLECTION

Love for our brothers and sisters is not simply the fruit of our own efforts; it demands the transformation of our selfish hearts. This realization gave rise to the oft-repeated prayer: "Jesus, make our hearts more like your own". Saint Paul, for his part, urged his hearers to pray not for the strength to do good works, but "to have the same mind among you that was in Christ Jesus" (Phil 2:5). (*Dilexit Nos*, 168)

CLOSING PRAYER

Lord Jesus, transform us with your love and gentleness. Help us to humbly recognize our smallness so that, abandoned to you, you may love and work in us, uniting our minds and hearts to yours.

DAY 8, Wednesday, June 25 - Team life and community, an encounter with Jesus who calls us together.

OPENING PRAYER

Sacred Heart of Jesus, source of true love, living sign of the tenderness of God who becomes flesh, who draws near and gives himself without reserve. In you we discover the deepest truth of our existence: that we were created out of love, for love, and that our life is a constant call to embrace that love and give it to others.



O Sacred Heart, help us to remain in you. May we, listening to your heartbeat, experience the sweetness of your love. May your fire transform us and send us out. May the blood and water that flow from your side be a source of life and nourishment for our souls. Amen.

GOSPEL (Matthew 18:20) For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

REFLECTION

We should not think of this mission of sharing Christ as something only between Jesus and me. Mission is experienced in fellowship with our communities and with the whole Church. If we turn aside from the community, we will be turning aside from Jesus. If we turn our back on the community, our friendship with Jesus will grow cold. This is a fact, and we must never forget it. Love for the brothers and sisters of our communities - religious, parochial, diocesan and others - is a kind of fuel that feeds our friendship with Jesus. Our acts of love for our brothers and sisters in community may well be the best and, at times, the only way that we can witness to others our love for Jesus Christ. He himself said, "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (Jn 13:35). (*Dilexit Nos*, 212)

CLOSING PRAYER

Lord Jesus, aware that faith is not lived in solitude, help us to form communities of apostles in love with your heart, who live in communion and are joyful witnesses of your love.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, make my heart like yours. Amen.

DAY 9, Thursday, June 26 - Jesus Christ, the call made flesh.

OPENING PRAYER

Sacred Heart of Jesus, source of true love, living sign of the tenderness of God who becomes flesh, who draws near and gives himself without reserve. In you we discover the deepest truth of our existence: that we were created out of love, for love, and that our life is a constant call to embrace that love and give it to others.



O Sacred Heart, help us to remain in you. May we, listening to your heartbeat, experience the sweetness of your love. May your fire transform us and send us out. May the blood and water that flow from your side be a source of life and nourishment for our souls. Amen.

GOSPEL (John 19:30) When Jesus had taken the wine, he said, "**It is finished.**" And bowing his head, he handed over the spirit.

REFLECTION

The wound in Christ's side, the wellspring of living water, remains open in the risen body of the Saviour. The deep wound inflicted by the lance and the wounds of the crown of thorns that customarily appear in representations of the Sacred Heart are an inseparable part of this devotion, in which we contemplate the love of Christ who offered himself in sacrifice to the very end. The wounded side of Christ continues to pour forth that stream which is never exhausted, never passes away, but offers itself time and time again to all those who wish to love as he did. For his love alone can bring about a new humanity. (*Dilexit Nos*, n.n. 151 y 219).

CLOSING PRAYER

Lord Jesus, you are the call *par excellence*, the "Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29). Help us understand that only in you will we find the concrete path to our fulfillment, and teach us to drink from the overflowing fountain of your pierced heart, from which your love pours out into the world.





FOR CATHOLIC MEN

COR ~ ST. MARY'S FAITH ENRICHMENT PROGRAM FOR MEN: Our last Cor meeting of the Spring 2025 season will be on Thursday, June 26, from 7-9 PM in Father Haley Hall. We will pray a Lectio Divina as a group, break-out into small group discussions, and then conduct a survey to inform the planning of the Cor Meetings for the Fall Season.

What is Lectio Divina? A contemplative form of prayer that involves slow, prayerful reading of Scripture, in a four-step process: Reading, Meditation, Prayer, and Contemplation, with the intention of entering into a dialogue with God and allowing the Word to penetrate the heart. It's a practice that encourages a deeper relationship with God and helps us to live in accordance with His will. 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.

FOR OUR YOUTH



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 this 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!



T.G.I.F. (Teens Gather In Faith): Attention Mission Trip teen leaders and adult chaperones - we will meet Wednesday, June 18 at 7:00 PM in Fr. Haley Hall. Please make every attempt to be there. If you are a High School student (Class of 2025, you are welcome too) and would like to be added to the summer email list to hear about events happening throughout the summer, send an email to the TGIF email, and I will add you. Upcoming Dates:

Saturday, June 21 - Church Car Wash 10:30 - 3:00 PM

Tuesday, June 24 - Wednesday June 25, Maine Rafting Trip

Sunday, June 29 - Mission Trip Mass 11:30 AM, meet in Fr. Haley Hall for refreshments

Sunday, July 13 - Mission Trip Mass 11:30 AM, meet in Fr. Haley Hall for refreshments

Saturday, July 26 - Mission Trip Mass Blessing and Commissioning at 5:00 PM

Sunday, July 27 - Saturday August 2, 2025, Mississippi Mission Trip

Sunday, August 3 - Mission Trip Welcome Home Mass and Social 11:30 AM





ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

From Lisa: Did you know there is daily mass every weekday at St. Mary's at 9:00 AM? I encourage you to go this summer! On the following Wednesdays, I would love to gather for daily mass and have light refreshments after for those interested. Wednesday, July 2, 16, 23, August 6, and 20. Contact: Lisa Dufault st.marystgif1870@gmail.com.



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, The Forks, Maine.

Tuesday, July 29 - All Day at Brownstone Quarry, Connecticut.

Friday, August 22 - Grade 6 Deerfield River Whitewater Rafting, Massachusetts.

FOR OUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH



CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, NEW THIS FALL!
FOR THREE-YEAR-OLD, PRE-K, AND KINDERGARTEN CHILDREN: Children who are 3 years old by September 1, 2025 or are in Pre-K or Kindergarten will be eligible to register. We will be implementing a new Program for young children 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. An Atrium will be created in the upper rooms of the Sister Ricci House. Sessions will

meet **twice a month for about 90 minutes.** Catechists in the CGS program have 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.marysre1870@gmail.com. Go to https://www.cgsusa.org/course and select the state or area the **Level I** courses are offered. Teens in the Confirmation



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATIONS FOR 2025-2026: Before you leave for your summer vacations, kindly complete our online registration which will be available **starting on JULY 1.** Links will be provided in the bulletin and on the Parish Website.

FALL 2025 CONFIRMATION DATE: Our Confirmation date for this coming fall is <u>Saturday, September 27, 2025</u> 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.

Do you have any of the following items? Our VBS True North props could use your donations: Gallon Milk Jugs, White Sheets (No Pillowcases Please), Flat Screen TV Boxes, Large Appliance Boxes. Please contact Religious Education to arrange drop off. Thank you!

Program are welcome to be assistants during the year.



TRUE NORTH VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ~ GRADES K ~ 6. JULY 21 - 25, 9 AM - NOON: VBS CAMPER REGISTRATION IS NOW CLOSED!

Please call the Religious Education Office to get on the waiting list. Volunteers are still needed for VBS week and may sign up through the QR Code. Volunteers will also be needed July 16 - 18, to help set up Father Haley Hall, the classrooms, and Lower Church Hall with props and decorations so that the children will be in awe of the wild world of TRUE NORTH!

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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

EMBRACING CHRIST & HIS CREATION: Parishioner, Leo Racine, will be leading a mini retreat, Embracing Christ & His Creation, at the Missionary Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima on Route 126 here in Holliston, on Sunday, June 22, from 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM; a light lunch will be served. A donation is suggested. Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical on the environment, Laudato Si' (Care for our Common Home) will hold a special place in this Jubilee Year presentation. You can register at https://www.xaverianmissionaries.org/pilgrims-of-hope-2025/ or contact the Shrine Co-director for more information at holliston@xaverianmissionaries.org or 508-429-2144.