



St. Mary's Parish





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## 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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**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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month. To register for Baptism Preparation call 429-4427.

**Marriage:** Please call at least 6 months in advance of your desired wedding date. Congratulations!

## 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

**APOLOGIES:** Last Saturday, the priest scheduled for Confessions did not come. We apologize to those who were unable to receive the Sacrament that day. This past Wednesday, the priest scheduled for Mass was unable to come. Because of late notice, we were unable to arrange coverage in time and Mass had to be cancelled. The priests who assist us at St. Mary's are very generous, and we ask your patience and understanding for these two instances.

## BANNS OF MARRIAGE:

**III Mitchell Guarino and Rachel Kampersal**

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>June 21</b>
5:00	John Cocchiarella
7:30	Deceased Members of the D'Agostino and Kadlec Families
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>June 22</b>
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Edward, Anna and Frances DiCenso
11:30	Ricardo Lachica
<b>Monday</b>	<b>June 23</b>
9:00	Cheryl Griffin
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>June 24</b>
9:00	Rev. Richard J. Shmaruk
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>June 25</b>
9:00	Mary Bishop
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>June 26</b>
9:00	Terry Stewart
<b>Friday</b>	<b>June 27</b>
9:00	Giancarlo and Osvaldo Bomba
7:00	Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Mass
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>June 28</b>
5:00	Boy Scout Send Off Mass
7:30	Charlie and Rose Dahlgren
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>June 29</b>
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Carolyn Daniels Sanger
11:30	Rev. Francis McGlynn



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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

Today we celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi - the Feast of the Body & Blood of Christ. We thank God for the great gift of the Eucharist, the means by which Jesus becomes truly present among us each and every time we celebrate the Holy Mass. Our belief in the bread made the Body and the wine made the Blood is beautifully reflected in our practices concerning Holy Communion.

**BEFORE COMMUNION:** By making a Confession if serious sin has touched our lives, we open our souls to receive and benefit from Eucharistic grace - removing the barriers that would otherwise obstruct it.

By fasting for one hour before Mass (consuming only water or medicine) we demonstrate our belief in Jesus' true presence in the Eucharist by setting aside earthly food in preparation to receive the very bread come down from heaven.

By listening to the Mass Scripture Readings before Communion, we open and prepare ourselves to receive the Lord in Holy Communion. If we enter a Mass after all readings are done (i.e. after the Gospel), we refrain from receiving Communion at that Mass. The celebration of Word and Sacrament are *never* separated. We listen to Him before receiving Him.

**AT COMMUNION:** By saying "The Body of Christ" when we approach for Communion, the priest or minister is asking us to profess our faith in the true presence of Christ in the Eucharist. We do so in word by answering, "Amen" - a Latin word meaning "verily", or "it is so."

**AFTER RECEIVING COMMUNION:** Actions speak louder than words, so after saying "Amen" we then demonstrate our belief that it is really Jesus we have received by returning to our pew to spend time with Him in silent or sung prayer - to "commune" with the Lord. This precious time spent praying after receiving Communion is the closest we shall ever come to Jesus in this life before we meet Him face to face in the life to come. St. Francis de Sales advised the following: *"When you have received Him, stir up your heart to do Him homage; speak to Him about your spiritual life, gazing upon Him in your soul where He is present for your happiness; and welcome Him as warmly as possible."*

Some Catholic parishes have experienced the problem of people walking right out the door after receiving Holy Communion. Today's Feast provides a good opportunity to consider why such an act is inconsistent with our belief in the Holy Eucharist. With the obvious exceptions of illness or other emergency, walking out the door after receiving Communion should be avoided for the following reasons. First, it steals from the communicant the chance to pray with the One they have just received; depriving them also of the grace that prayer would bring. At the very moment the communicant's thoughts should be turned heavenward, those thoughts instead turn toward worldly matters, i.e. driving, where they are going next, talking to other people instead of to God, etc.

Walking out the door after receiving Communion also fractures the worshipping community at the very part of the Mass that it is meant to be most perfectly united by the Eucharist and prayer. Such an act denies the "Amen" just spoken; for if one truly believes they have just received Jesus, would they not then want to spend time with Him in prayer? The Eucharist is **Someone** - not **something**. It is a Person to be spoken to in immediate prayer, not a spiritual pill that once consumed will do its work regardless of whether or not we pay it any further attention.

The Mass itself is named after the "Missa" - the prayer of sending forth at the very end of Mass ("The Mass is ended, go in peace.") In a very real sense, anyone who departs the church building before the "Missa" can be said to have missed the Mass. Certainly they have missed the meaning of the Mass, and stolen from themselves the most valuable time of prayer afforded us therein.

**AFTER MASS:** After the Mass is over, we demonstrate our belief in the True Presence of Christ in the Eucharist most importantly of all by the way we live our lives. Everyone we meet between one Sunday and the next should be able to experience the Eucharist - Christ now within us - by our love, by our compassion and by our willingness to forgive others even as we have been forgiven in Christ Jesus.

In His Service and Yours,

Rev. Mark J. Coiro





## THE SACRED HEART NOVENA CONTINUES

The Sacred Heart Novena is traditionally prayed for nine days leading up to the Feast of the Sacred Heart, which this year is on June 27, 2025. The Novena began on Wednesday, June 18, 2025, and will end 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 the Feast Day.

### 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.**

## **Dilexit Nos**

### **On the Human and Divine Love of the Heart of Jesus Christ**



**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!**

**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

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 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.

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

## 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.

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



**Friday, June 27,**  
**Feast of the**  
**Sacred Heart of**  
**Jesus!**

**Mass will be**  
**celebrated at**  
**St. Mary's at**  
**9 AM and 7 PM.**

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



## 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 Chuck and Nancy D'Agostino in memory of their son Matthew. Please join them in prayer for an unborn child. Call the rectory office at 508-429-4427 to sponsor the Rose.

## FOR THE SAINTS

"Spread love everywhere you go: first of all in your own house. Give love to your children, to your wife or husband, to a next door neighbor... Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier. Be the living expression of God's kindness; kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile, kindness in your warm greeting."

- St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

"What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like." - St. Augustine of Hippo

## FOR OUR CHURCH

**SECOND COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND:**  
Promoting the Gospel, \$ 2,440.25. Thank you!

**LAST SUNDAY'S PARISH OFFERTORY:**  
**PARISH OFFERTORY LAST WEEKEND:**

Automatic Giving:	\$ 5,470.00
WeShare:	\$ 3,724.16
Offertory Envelopes:	\$ 6,532.00
Total Offertory:	\$ 15,726.16

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 PEACE

As war in the Middle East continues to spread, Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzaballa, the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, has offered us this prayer for a just and lasting peace. Let us join with him in asking God to show us the way to that precious gift.

**"O God of peace, 'You are the same yesterday, today, and forever' (Heb 13:8)," the prayer reads. "You have said: 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid' (Jn 14:27)."**

**"We lift our weary hearts to you, Lord, longing for your light amid the shadows of fear and unrest," the prayer continues. "Teach us to be peacemakers, for 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God' (Mt 5:9). Sow in us the seeds of reconciliation, and make us instruments of your peace in a wounded world."**

**"Grant us the grace to live as you have commanded: 'If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all' (Rom 12:18). Let there be in our cities and lands: 'Peace within your walls and security within your towers' (Ps 122:7). In the midst of trouble, we proclaim: 'The Lord is my light and my salvation: Whom shall I fear?' (Ps 27:1). 'I will both lie down and sleep in peace; for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety' (Ps 4:8)."**

**"We trust in your everlasting promise: 'Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age' (Mt 28:20). Amen."**





## FOR CATHOLIC MEN

**COR ~ ST. MARY'S FAITH ENRICHMENT PROGRAM FOR MEN:** Our last *Cor* meeting of the Spring 2025 season will be **this 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](mailto:StMarysCor@gmail.com).

## FOR OUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH



**MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP:** We look forward to a great summer of adventures in faith together! **Upcoming MSYG Events:** This Tuesday, June 24 - Wednesday, June 25, Grade 7 & 8 Kennebec Whitewater Rafting Trip, The Forks, Maine. Do your Online Rafting Waiver and review the Packing List carefully!

Tuesday, July 29 - All Day at Brownstone Quarry, Connecticut. Friday, August 22 - Grade 6 Deerfield River Whitewater Rafting, Massachusetts.

**T.G.I.F. (Teens Gather In Faith):** We leave for our Maine Rafting Adventure this Tuesday, June 24. If you are signed up for this trip you have received an email with the final details. Don't forget to sign those Crab Apple Rafting Waivers! 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 and I will add you.



### Upcoming Dates:

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



**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](mailto:st.marystgif1870@gmail.com).



## OPENS JULY 1! 2025-2026 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATIONS:

School will be out soon and families will be ready for vacation time. Before you leave for your summer getaway, kindly complete our online registration which will be available starting on JULY 1. Registering early provides a no worry simplified process with online payment using WeShare. Registration letters will be mailed this week outlining the 2025-2026 Religious Education Class Schedules. See the next / back bulletin page for more information.

## 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.marysrel870@gmail.com](mailto:st.marysrel870@gmail.com). Go to <https://www.cgusa.org/course> and select the state or area the **Level I** courses are offered. Teens in the Confirmation Program are welcome to be assistants during the year.

**VBS NEEDS ITEMS TO BUILD THE TRUE NORTH SET:** Do you have any of these items to donate? Gallon Milk Jugs, White Sheets (No Pillowcases Please). Flat Screen TV Boxes, Large Appliance Boxes. Please contact the Religious Education Office to arrange drop off for donated items. Thank you!

### 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 be placed on the waiting list. Volunteer adults are still needed for VBS week and can sign up using the QR Code. Volunteers will also be needed the week of July 16 - 18, for setting up Fr. Haley Hall, classrooms, and Lower Church Hall with props and decorations so that the children will be in awe of the wild world of **TRUE NORTH!**



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

**TITHING OUR TIME, GIFTS AND TALENTS FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD:** Please pray as to how you can help St. Mary's Parish Religious Education Program become more vibrant and joyful for our young children and teens. Our program depends on volunteers to help the many families live out their faith actively. We are called by Christ to bring about His Kingdom and spread the Good News. Come and join the many volunteers who build up the community of faith by tithing your time and talents to serve Christ and His family. There are openings for Catechists in Grades 1 - 6, and for our Confirmation Program in Grades 7 - 10. Monitors are needed for various sessions. Please contact the Religious Ed if you would like to volunteer.



## FOR OUR COMMON HOME

**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, today, 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](mailto:holliston@xaverianmissionaries.org) or 508-429-2144.