

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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Rectory Phone: (508) 429 - 4427
Religious Education Phone: (508) 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 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!

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

PARISH OFFERTORY LAST WEEKEND:

Automatic Giving:	\$ 3,854.50
WeShare:	\$ 5,945.78
Offertory Envelopes:	\$ 4,954.00
Total Offertory:	\$ 14,754.28
Weekly Need:	\$ 15,000.00
Budget Shortfall:	\$ 245.72

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/>.

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 are available in the Religious Education Office from 9:30 AM - 5:30 PM. Thank you!



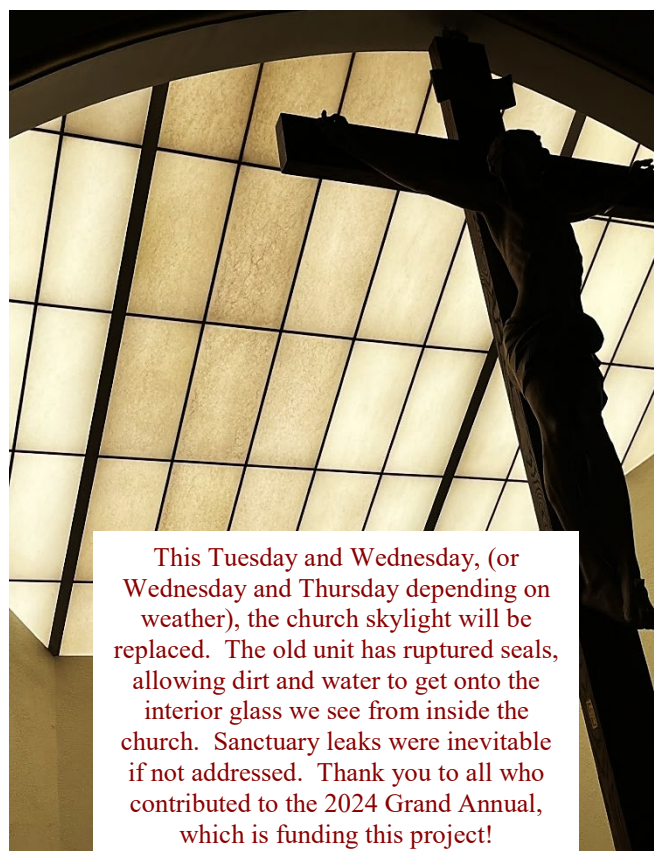
THE ROSE FOR LIFE: The rose is sponsored this week by the Sereno Family. Please join them in prayer for an unborn child. Sponsor a rose by emailing st.marys1870@gmail.com.

TRAVELING? Check out www.masstimes.org to find out the name, location and Mass schedule of the nearest Catholic Church anywhere in America. God never takes a vacation from us; let us make time on vacation for God.

WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS: *"Christians must lean on the Cross of Christ just as travelers lean on a staff when they begin a long journey. They must have the Passion of Christ deeply embedded in their minds and hearts, because only from it can they derive peace, grace, and truth."* - St. Anthony of Padua

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	June 28
5:00	Boy Scout Send Off Mass
7:30	Charlie and Rose Dahlgren
Sunday	June 29
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Carolyn Daniels Sanger
11:30	Rev. Francis McGlynn
Monday	June 30
9:00	Thomas Sheehan
Tuesday	July 1
9:00	* MASS IN HALL , Mary Stack
Wednesday	July 2
9:00	* MASS IN HALL , Rev. William F. Salmon
Thursday	July 3
9:00	* MASS IN HALL IF RAIN TUESDAY , Fr. Issa & the People of our Sister Parish, Our Lady of Fatima, Beit Sahour



This Tuesday and Wednesday, (or Wednesday and Thursday depending on weather), the church skylight will be replaced. The old unit has ruptured seals, allowing dirt and water to get onto the interior glass we see from inside the church. Sanctuary leaks were inevitable if not addressed. Thank you to all who contributed to the 2024 Grand Annual, which is funding this project!

Friday	July 4
9:00	Unity and Peace for Our Nation
Saturday	July 5
5:00	Vincent Mullen
7:30	Joseph Perkins, Month's Mind
Sunday	July 6
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Gino Cordani
11:30	Deceased Members of the Stack Family



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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

Today we celebrate a Feast that only rarely falls on a Sunday - the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul. Peter was the great Apostle to the Jews, bringing to Christ the children of Israel. Paul was the great Apostle to the Gentiles, carrying the Good News of Jesus to the many nations of man. Together, Peter and Paul remind us of the universality of God's offer of salvation. Genuine faith may appear anytime and in anyone, including within the most unlikely of individuals. Peter, an uneducated fisherman, became the first pope, bishop of Rome and chief shepherd of Christ's flock. Paul, a persecutor of Christians, became a fearless champion of the Lord, claiming that God chose him as "an extreme case." In other words, if God could make Paul into a witness for Jesus, He could do it with anyone. One of the greatest danger signs in our spiritual journey is if we start seeing ourselves, or others, as beyond redemption.

Today the priests and church sanctuary wear red for the blood of martyrs, reminding us that both Peter and Paul bore witness to Jesus even unto death. Paul was beheaded by a sword just outside Rome, since he was a Roman citizen. The fact that it was illegal to crucify a Roman citizen reminds us of the true agony and horror of the cross, and the depths of love that moved Jesus to die for us upon it. Peter was crucified upside down, stating that he was unworthy to die the same way Christ did.

According to tradition, the Christian community in Rome forced Peter to flee the city at the height of the persecutions, wanting to save the life of their bishop. As he was walking away from Rome, Peter then saw a traveler coming toward him on the road. As the man got closer, Peter realized it was Jesus, and asked Him, "*Quo Vadis, Domine?*" "*Lord, where are you going?*" Jesus answered, "*I am going to Rome, to be crucified.*" At that, Peter turned around and went back to the city where he won the martyr's crown. Jesus' words were a promise that when Peter died, Jesus would be dying with Him. By Baptism, every Christian participates in the mystery of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. The faithful Christian need not fear death, because Jesus will be there when we pass from this life. We cannot die alone, since Jesus will share our death, and share also with us His rising to a new and eternal life.

God bless you!

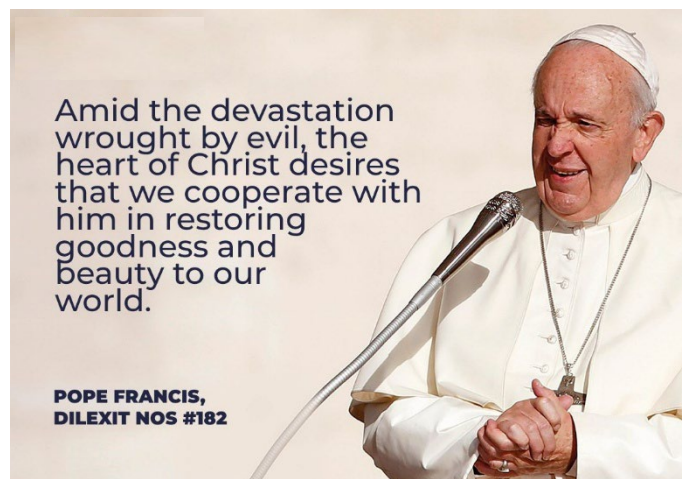
Rev. Mark J. Coiro

SAVE THOSE SACRED HEART SIGNS!

Thank you to all who helped promote devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus this June. We hope that the Sacred Heart Novena will bring many graces to you and those you love. A special thank you to all who put up Sacred Heart Lawn Signs. When June ends this Tuesday, please save and store them for next year! It was such a joy to see Our Lord's Image, with the symbol of His fiery and universal love, all through our town and beyond. Our signs made it as far as Lawrence!



As part of the Month of the Sacred Heart, Leo Racine led a discussion last Monday on Pope Francis' last encyclical, "Dilexit Nos." The encyclical looks at the human and divine love of the Heart of Jesus Christ. It is a deeply moving and compassionate work, that participants said was "*a joy!*" Leo went through the highlights of the encyclical and punctuated three of them by celebrating their message in song. This beautiful encyclical can be accessed on the website of the Holy See, <https://bit.ly/DNFrancis>, or purchased online as a small book from Amazon: <https://bit.ly/3T9F1vO>.



FOR OUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION STARTS **THIS TUESDAY, JULY 1!**

Click [HERE](#)
to register
for Fall 2025
**RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION.**

Registration deadline
is Monday, August 18.



Both registration and payment of tuition **wholly electronic**. When registration opens on July 1, you will see this image (right) on the St. Mary's website homepage:

<https://stmarysholliston.com/>. Just click it to begin the registration process. If you have any questions, please

contact Jennifer Burgett at 508-429-6076 or st.marysre1870@gmail.com. This year's registrations are due by

Monday, August 18, 2025.



MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP: We look forward to a great summer of adventures in faith together! **Upcoming MSYG Events:** 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): **Attention Mission Trip Teens and Chaperones!**

We will gather today, Sunday, June 29 at the 11:30 AM Mass - pews will be reserved. Refreshments to follow in Fr. Haley Hall.

Upcoming Dates:

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 at st.marystgif1870@gmail.com.



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FOR THOSE IN NEED

PANTRY SHELF SUMMER HELP: Food items needed at the Pantry: pasta, spaghetti, tomato paste, canned peaches (15 oz), Ramen Noodles - Beef and Chicken, Beefaroni, pasta sauce, canned corn. Donations may be dropped off in the tan bin by the main parking lot entrance here at St. Mary's.

FOR THOSE WHO HELPED!

THANK YOU, KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS! Many thanks to St. Mary's Knights and their Ladies for all their hard work hosting last weekend's Parish Family BBQ! It was a tremendous evening with just under 200 people in attendance. A special thank you to Linda and Devin Scruton for the saddles and toy riding horses!

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, please contact the Religious Education Office at 508-429-6076 or 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.

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!**



OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU! CATECHISTS, GROUP LEADERS AND MONITORS FOR 2025-2026: Many adults verbalize that they are worried about the faith of our young people. Why not convert your concerns to action and share the traditions and beliefs of the Catholic Faith by volunteering to teach and guide the young people of our Parish? We ask you to consider 1 to 1.5 hours to catechize the children or volunteer in another capacity. The rewards are great! Please prayerfully consider teaching a class, leading a group or volunteering as a monitor. See the chart below for scheduled classes for your consideration. Go online to volunteer at <https://stmarysholliston.com/all-parish-forms-2/>.

GRADES	SESSION	COMMITMENT
CGS	Sun., 8:00 - 9:15 AM	15 classes - 75 min.
GR-1	Sun., 8:10 - 9:25 AM	12 classes - 75 min.
GR-2	Sun., 8:10 - 9:25 AM	14 classes - 75 min.
GR-2	Sun., 10:45 AM - Noon	14 classes - 75 min.
GR-3	Sun., 7:55 - 9:25 AM	14 classes - 90 min.
GR-3	Sun., 10:45 AM - 12:15 PM	14 classes - 90 min.
GR-4,5	Sun., 10:45 AM - 12:15 PM	14 classes - 90 min.
GR-6	Sun., 4:00 - 5:30 PM	14 classes - 90 min.
GR-3,4,5,6	Tues., 4:00 - 5:30 PM	14 classes - 90 min.
GR-2	Wed., 4:15 - 5:30 PM	14 classes - 75 min.
GR-4,5	Wed., 4:00 - 5:30 PM	14 classes - 90 min.

GRADES	SESSION	COMMITMENT
GR-7	Tues., 7:00 - 8:30 PM	12 classes - 90 min.
GR-7	Wed., 7:00 - 8:30 PM	12 classes - 90 min.
GR-8	Mon., 7:00 - 8:30 PM	12 classes - 90 min.
GR-8	Thur., 7:00 - 8:30 PM	12 classes - 90 min.
GR-9/10	Tues., 7:00 - 8:30 PM	12 classes - 90 min.
GR-9/10	Wed., 7:00 - 8:30 PM	12 classes - 90 min.

Note: Grades 7 and 8 meet on the same weeks and Grades 9/10 meet on the opposite alternate weeks.

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!



“Come to me, all you who are weary and find life burdensome, and I will refresh you. Take my yoke upon your shoulders and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble of heart. Your souls will find rest, for my yoke is easy and my burden light.” - Matthew 11:28-30

RCIA stands for Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. It is the Catholic Church’s way of initiating new members. RCIA is much more than a study program. It is a learning and loving process in which conversion of the heart brings one to Jesus Christ.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE UNBAPTIZED OR NOT FULLY INITIATED INTO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

RCIA is an opportunity:

- For those who have not been baptized.
- For those who have been baptized, but want to receive the sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation.
- For anyone who wants to learn and ask questions about the Catholic Faith.

Through weekly meetings, those attending will gain a deeper appreciation and understanding of the Catholic beliefs and practices. All are welcome. Our classes will begin in September.

CATHOLIC LAITY

Sometimes, those of us who have been Catholic our whole lives forget to suggest RCIA to others who may be interested in becoming Catholic. However, extending an invitation to spouses, relatives, friends, and neighbors, in a gentle way, might be just the opportunity that they are waiting for. Feel free to reach out to them or reach out to Deacon Ron Dowding through the Rectory for help. Some people may be ready, but unsure how to make an inquiry.

Feel free to invite:

- Those who may be searching.
- Those who have never been baptized as Christians.
- Those who have been baptized in another Christian faith tradition and are now interested in the Catholic Faith.
- Those who were baptized in the Catholic Faith but did not receive First Communion, and/or Confirmation.
- Those Catholics who have been away from the faith and are now looking to return into communion with the Church.

For more information please contact the Rectory at 508-429-4427.

RCIA: The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is process through with adult non-Christians can join the Catholic Church; and a process for baptized Christians to prepare for the sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation. RCIA begins in September and concludes around the feast of Pentecost (usually mid-May). For further information, please feel free to contact Deacon Ron Dowding through the Rectory Office at 508-429-4427.