



St. Mary's Parish



Mass Schedule:

Monday through Friday
9:00 AM

Saturday Vigils
5:00 PM
7:30 PM

Sunday
7:30 AM
9:30 AM Family Mass
(C.L.O.W. Sept. – May)
11:30 AM Choir Mass

Holy Days: Announced

Adoration Schedule:

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

Our Mission:

"To know Christ and to make Him known."

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Dear Visitors: Welcome! We are delighted that you chose to worship with us this day. Please introduce yourself to the priest, and if you are interested in becoming a member of the parish then please register through our website or by calling the rectory. Please also be aware that for generations it has been the custom at St. Mary's to kneel together for a silent Hail Mary at the end of Mass. Please join in!

Confession: Saturdays from Noon to 12:45 PM, or by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick: Any time by appointment. Please call as soon as you are aware of a serious illness or upcoming surgery.

Baptism: The 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month. To register for Baptism Preparation call 429-4427.

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

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday August 2
 5:00 Reynaldo DeGuzman, 5th Anv.
 7:30 Grace Disciullo
Sunday August 3
 7:30 People of St. Mary's
 9:30 Richard Chase, 32nd Anv.
 11:30 Deceased Members of the Carr Family
Monday August 4
 9:00 Art Kelley & Marie O'Callahan
Tuesday August 5
 9:00 Joseph Sgarano
Wednesday August 6
 9:00 Jeffrey Fitzgerald
Thursday August 7
 9:00 Marcia Seymour, 15th Anv.
Friday August 8
 9:00 Alberto Rametta
 11:00 Funeral - Jan Lyons
Saturday August 9
 5:00 Ann Miller
 7:30 William and Edith Lovett
Sunday August 10
 7:30 People of St. Mary's
 9:30 James Farrell
 11:30 Adrienne Beattie, 4th Anv.

PARISH OFFERTORY LAST WEEKEND:

Automatic Giving:	\$ 2,922.00
WeShare:	\$ 7,224.57
Offertory Envelopes:	\$ 5,618.00
Total Offertory:	\$ 15,764.57

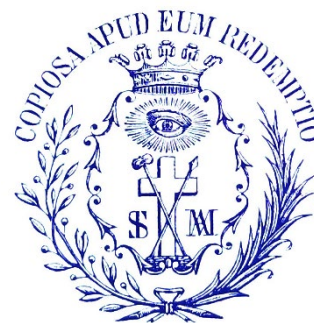
Thank you for making up any missed weekly parish support. Consider switching to WeShare or Automatic Giving. See: <https://stmarysholliston.com/how-to-give/>.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND:

This year's Mission Appeal supports Sarnelli House and College, a residence and fully accredited school for homeless adult males. Donations are kindly accepted by cash or check as a second Mass Collection. Checks should be made out to Saint Mary's Parish, with the memo clearly indicating "Propagation of the Faith." You may also donate through the appropriate WeShare tab.

Welcome Fr. Sean McGillicuddy, C.Ss.R.:

Every year, each parish in the United States is privileged to welcome a missionary priest who shares with us about their important work, asks for our prayers, and takes up a special collection for the Missions.



Fr. Patrick McGillicuddy, C.Ss.R., a recently deceased Redemptorist priest, was a missionary in Brazil for forty-four years. He founded The Perpetual Help Project in 1992. The purpose was to attend to the basic needs of young adults and street prostitutes in Curitiba, a major city in southern Brazil. The project offers housing and employment, emergency food relief, counseling, drug, alcohol and abuse counseling as well as a hot meal to more than 250 people every day.

The Perpetual Help Project now has a receiving center for prostitutes, a boarding school for street youths, a rehabilitation center for those suffering from substance abuse, and a home for graduates from the school. It also maintains St. Clement Preparatory School, a night school that offers a basic education for rag-pickers. All these successful projects provide life-giving hope to the castaways of society. Father Pat once observed, *"It is only a drop of love in a sea of misery. But that little drop of love gives hope and life to so many through the life-giving love of the Lord present in this ministry."*

This weekend, August 2 and 3, Fr. Pat's brother, Sean McGillicuddy, also a Redemptorist priest, will preach at all St. Mary's Masses. He will be asking for your prayers and any financial assistance which you may be able to provide for this important ministry.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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

As you read this, I am away to celebrate the wedding of parishioner Grace Roberto to her fiancé Jason Mitala. Grace and Jason both attended Villanova University, and I am delighted to be part of their special day at St. Thomas of Villanova Church. Please say a prayer for the happy couple!

In just a few weeks, we will celebrate the Holy Day of the Assumption of Mary. On this Feast, we commemorate the Assumption of Our Blessed Mother body and soul into heaven at the end of her life in this world. Since she was untouched by either original or personal sin, death had no hold on Mary, and so she experienced immediately the fullness of life that you and I hope for on the Last Day. Where Mary has gone, may we all one day follow through the merits of her Son.

Indeed, today's Mass readings encourage us to look forward to heaven, and not to be bound or distracted by the things of earth. It is difficult to be *in* the world but not *of* the world. How easily we can spend our days accumulating material things that will avail us not in the life to come. In the words of St. Francis of Assisi, *"Remember that when you leave this earth, you can take with you nothing that you have received - only what you have given."*

Unlike the man in today's Gospel who stored up for himself more and more goods, we know that what we have is given us by God not only for our own use and comfort, but to care for the most vulnerable and beloved of God's children - the poor. We have a special opportunity to do this through the Mission Appeal being made by Fr. Sean McGillicuddy this weekend. Please give him a warm St. Mary's welcome and thank you for any support you can offer the Perpetual Help Mission Ministry.

In Christ's Service and Yours,

Rev. Mark J. Coiro

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION

A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Thursday, August 14, 2025

5:30 PM Vigil Mass

Friday, August 15, 2025

9:00 AM Feast Day Mass

6:00 PM Feast Day Mass



"By looking at Mary's Assumption into Heaven we understand better that even though our daily life may be marked by trials and difficulties, it flows like a river to the divine ocean, to the fullness of joy and peace. We understand that our death is not the end but rather the entrance into life that knows no death. Our setting on the horizon of this world is our rising at the dawn of the new world, the dawn of the eternal day." - Pope Benedict XVI

At both Evening Solemnity Vigil Masses this year, Soprano and Guest Soloist Mary Kate Hubbard will be singing the Caccini Ave Maria as a post-Communion offering. It is a setting of the Latin text of the Hail Mary prayer, which is a request for the Virgin Mary to intercede on behalf of the petitioner. The piece creates what has been described as *"a celestial sense of yearning and devotion."* Listen at: <https://shorturl.at/aVLly>.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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!

MONDAY NEWSLETTER COLLATING: Please join us tomorrow, **MONDAY, AUGUST 4**, from 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM in Fr. Haley Hall to assist in our collating of the Summer Newsletter. All are welcome and needed!



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; so let us make time on vacation for God!

ANNUAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS: Sunday, October 26, at 3:00 PM, at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross. All couples celebrating their 10th, 25th, or 50th wedding anniversaries or another special milestone are invited to a celebratory Mass on Sunday, October 26, at 3:00 PM at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Boston. Couples will renew their marriage commitment and receive a special blessing. Family and friends are invited to attend. To register, visit <https://bit.ly/WeddingAnniversaryMass2025>. For more information, please email Emily Elliott at marriageprep@rcab.org or call 617-746-5756.

8 ARCH BRIDGE MEMORY CAFÉ: Join us on Wednesday, August 6 from 1:30 - 3:00 PM at The Center, 150 Goulding Street in Holliston for Red Sox Baseball History with writer Herb Crehan. The memory café is a place where people experiencing memory challenges and their care partners can connect with others for support and friendship in a judgment-free environment. This monthly program is FREE! Coffee, juice & pastries provided. Come join us all you Baseball Enthusiasts!

FOR THE JUBILEE



PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE DIVINE MERCY: St. Mary's Knights of Columbus is organizing this Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to Stockbridge, MA on Monday, October 6. ALL parishioners are welcome. We will enjoy a visit with prayer and time for meditation at the Shrine Grounds. We will also attend afternoon Mass at The National Shrine of the Divine Mercy at Eden Hill. Our day includes a visit to the downtown shopping area, and a luncheon at the world famous Red Lion Inn. We will depart from St. Mary's parking lot by luxury motor coach at 7:15 AM and will return at 6:30 PM. The cost of this trip is \$75/person, payable by check or Venmo. Your seat is reserved when payment is received.



To reserve / pay for your spot use the QR Code or visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094DA5AB29A3FC1-57460662-jubilee>. Questions? Contact Deacon Ron at Ronald.dowding@verizon.net, or call 508-429-3961.

Join the Superior General of the Marian Fathers, Fr. Joe Roesch, MIC, as he gives a tour around Eden Hill, the campus of The National Shrine of The Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, Massachusetts. Learn about the history of the building of the National Shrine and the legacy of the Marian Fathers. Tour through the National Shrine and other parts of the grounds such as the Stations of the Cross, the Shrine of the Holy Innocents, and much more! Just click here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ji-bz2HJv8k>.

FOR OUR YOUTH

18th ANNUAL ALTAR SERVER APPRECIATION TRIP TO SIX FLAGS NEW ENGLAND: This year's trip is Tuesday, August 12. Departure is at 8:15 AM, return is 8 - 8:30 PM. Thank you Altar Servers for your faithful and reverent ministry!

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP: We had an awesome day of adventure at Brownstone Quarry this past Tuesday! Cliff jumping, waterslide, zip lines and good old swimming were the perfect way to spend a blistering hot day! Our next adventure is Friday, August 22 - Grade 6 Deerfield River Whitewater Rafting, Massachusetts.



Our MSYG Fall Kick Off and Ice Cream Social is Sunday, October 5 from 6:30 - 8 PM. All teens in Grades 6, 7, and 8 are invited!



T.G.I.F. (Teens Gather In Faith): Welcome Home TGIF Mission Group! Thank you to all 81 teens and 17 adults for your selfless and faith filled ministry in Mississippi this past week!



Save the date now for the Fall TGIF Kick Off, Sunday, September 14 from 7 - 8:45 PM in Fr. Haley Hall. Open to all, Grades 9 - 12.



Registration for Fall Religious Education Classes is NOW OPEN!

We have made both registration and payment of tuition wholly electronic. Just click the classroom image below right or use the QR Code to get started.

The full class schedule was mailed out and may also be viewed by clicking [HERE](#). As always, class day choices are first come, first served.

Class registration closes on **Monday, August 18, 2025** so please do not delay.

If you have any difficulties or questions, please contact Jennifer at 508-429-6076 or at st.marysre1870@gmail.com. God bless you!

"The soul grows by learning." - St. Augustine





ST. MARY'S
CATHOLIC CHURCH



CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

***NEW! Montessori-Based Religious Education for children
ages 3 years old through Kindergarten***

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a Montessori-based curriculum that helps young children and their teachers develop a personal relationship with Jesus. 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.

DETAILS

- Must be 3 years old by September 1, 2025 or in Pre-K or Kindergarten to register.
- Begins this fall, meeting in Sr. Ricci House from 8:00 – 9:15 AM 2x/month on Sundays.
- Scan the QR code to register or find the link on the St. Mary's website.
- Registration Deadline: August 18, 2025.

**SCAN TO
REGISTER**





FOR OUR STUDENTS

REGISTRATIONS END THIS MONTH ~ DON'T FORGET! Our office works through the Summer to prepare for a smooth transition in October when the children and youth return to school. You can help us by registering your children now for your family schedule. Thank you for your kind response. May the summer bring you rest, peace and joy.

OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND FOR VOLUNTEERS!!! Consider tithing your time as a **Group Leader for our Confirmation Program, a Teacher for one of our Grade 1 - 6 Classes, or being a class session Monitor for 2025-2026.** Christ has commissioned us to spread the Good News. Come and build up the community of faith and offer your gifts and talents to serve Christ. Our children and youth depend on faith filled people to share their faith. Training for new teachers will be offered in September. Go online at: <https://stmarysholliston.com/all-parish-forms-2/> and sign up now! Training will be available in September.

LAPSED YEARS OF FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH: If your child has missed several years of Religious Education, it is never too late to prepare them for a lifelong relationship with God. Our Catholic faith, founded by Jesus Christ, provides a good solid moral foundation based on the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Contact our Religious Education Office and inquire how we can assist your family.

WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS:

"To convert somebody, go and take them by the hand and guide them." - St. Thomas Aquinas

NEW THIS FALL, CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD! 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. The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a Montessori-based curriculum that helps young 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. Our Atrium will be located in the upper rooms of Sister Ricci House. Sessions will meet **twice a month for 75 minutes.** Teens in the Confirmation Program are welcome to be trained as assistants.

CGS CATECHISTS: We are looking for **two more adults to be trained as CGS Catechists.** One of the most outstanding characteristics of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is its call as adults to watch and listen to the children and allow them to lead us to God. If you are interested, please contact the Religious Education Office at 508-429-6076 or st.marysre1870@gmail.com. Go to <https://www.cgusa.org/course> and select the state or area the **Level I** courses are offered. Level I - Part 1 is offered on August 9, 10, 11, 2025 (Saturday, Sunday, Monday, from 9-5 PM) and October 11, 12, 13, 2025 (Saturday, Sunday, Monday, from 9-5 PM) at St. Rose of Lima, 244 W. Main St, Northborough, MA 01532. In September (a date to be determined) St. Mary's will also offer a special training session for those interested to be assistants including those who may want to be trained as CGS Catechists later and willing to be assistants for 2025-2026. Tuition will be covered.

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.
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!

FOR THOSE IN NEED

“for I was hungry
and you gave Me
food; I was thirsty
and you gave Me
drink; I was a
stranger and you
took Me in”

— Matthew 25:35

PANTRY SHELF SUMMER HELP: Food items needed at the Pantry: Progresso Soup, Campbell’s Chunky Soup, Campbell’s Tomato Soup, juice boxes, canned peaches (15 oz), canned fruit cocktail, tuna fish (5 oz), pasta sauce, canned corn (15 oz) and snacks. Donations may be dropped off in the tan bin by the main parking lot entrance here at St. Mary’s, or to the bins outside the Pantry Shelf itself at 73 Charles Street.

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

THE BETHANY HOUSE HOPE CHEST: The Hope Chest is a boutique thrift store located at 1134 Main Street in Millis that has an eclectic ensemble of treasures. Our volunteers and staff run the shop that provide a gateway for items of value to those who are in search of a bargain. All proceeds from the Hope Chest go toward sustaining the mission of Bethany House Ministries. Bethany House Ministries is rooted in the Gospel and in the spirit of Blessed Jean Joseph Lataste OP, who recognized in his work with prisoners that God’s love has the power to heal, transform, and renew those who may have seemed hopeless to many. Bethany House Ministries fosters a

compassionate and just world by being a community that stands in solidarity with those who are marginalized. Shopping at the Hope Chest is not only a fun and friendly experience, it is also an investment in the future of someone in need. Donations welcome Tuesday through Saturday.

FOR THE SEEKERS

OCIA stands for Order of Christian Initiation for Adults. It is the Catholic Church’s way of initiating new members. OCIA 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. OCIA 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.

OCIA is an opportunity for:

- Those who have not been Baptized.
- 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.
- Those who have been baptized but want to receive the sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation.
- Anyone who wants to learn and ask questions about the Catholic Faith.

