



Luke 13:22-30



St. Mary's Parish



Our Mission:

"To know Christ and to make Him known."

Mass Schedule:

Monday through Friday
9:00 AM

Saturday Vigils
5:00 PM
7:30 PM

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

Holy Days: Announced

Adoration Schedule:

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

8 Church St., Holliston, MA 01746

Website: www.stmarysholliston.com

Email Address: St.marys1870@gmail.com

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!



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The Holliston Drug & Alcohol Awareness Coalition



ST. MARY'S
CATHOLIC
CHURCH

Holliston



**WEDNESDAY,
AUGUST 27TH,
6-7:30 PM**

NARCAN TRAINING

Join the Holliston Drug & Alcohol Awareness Coalition and St. Mary's Church as we welcome Officer Waugh from the Holliston Police Department for a **FREE community Narcan training**.

Participants will all walk away with **FREE knowledge, Narcan, and Deterra bags**; a small pouch that deactivates prescription drugs, pills, patches, liquids, creams and films.

**JOIN US AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH
(8 CHURCH ST.)**

REGISTER USING THE QR CODE



Contact Zoe at moreauz@holliston.k12.ma.us or call 508-429-0620 ex. 3 with any questions!

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:

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| Automatic Giving: | \$ 4,521.00 |
| WeShare: | \$ 3,776.32 |
| Offertory Envelopes: | \$ 5,102.00 |
| Total Offertory: | \$ 13,399.32 |
| Weekly Need: | \$ 15,000.00 |

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| Shortfall: | \$ 1,600.68 |
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Thank you for making up any missed weekly parish support. The financial health of your parish depends on it. Please consider switching to WeShare or Automatic Giving. See: <https://stmarysholliston.com/how-to-give/>.

MASS INTENTIONS:

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| Saturday | August 23 |
| 5:00 | Ronaldo DeGuzman, 12 th Anv. |
| 7:30 | Carmen Chiango |
| Sunday | August 24 |
| 7:30 | People of St. Mary's |
| 9:30 | Jacques Alain Ducrepin and Joseph Desape |
| 11:30 | Bernie Cornelia |
| Monday | August 25 |
| 9:00 | Gerard and Helen Davenport |
| Tuesday | August 26 |
| 9:00 | Larry Marsell, Jr. |
| Wednesday | August 27 |
| 9:00 | Marcia Charlson |
| Thursday | August 28 |
| 9:00 | Eileen DeMarkey (Living) |
| Friday | August 29 |
| 9:00 | Salvatore Scaduto, 61 st Anv. |
| Saturday | August 30 |
| 5:00 | David Bushee, 3 rd Anv. |
| 7:30 | Claire L. Turcotte (Living) |
| Sunday | August 31 |
| 7:30 | People of St. Mary's |
| 9:30 | Melissa Bachman |
| 11:30 | Dorothy Bamberry, 12 th Anv. |

"When you sing you pray twice!"

- St. Augustine



MUSIC MINISTRY: Fall of 2025 is full of music opportunities for you! Read about our programs below. For more information or to sign up, contact our Music Director, Abbey Kelley-Lanser, at musicatstmarysholliston@gmail.com or call 508-492-6076 ext. 224.

It is *not* a requirement to be Catholic or a registered member of our Parish in order to join our music groups. Whether you are an experienced musician or totally new to music, it's never too late to find your place in St. Mary's Music Ministry.

- **Youth Music Jam Sessions:** Interested in kick starting a musical youth group? We invite all middle and high schoolers grades 7 and up to join open jam sessions for singers and instrumentalists! Bring your voices and instruments to collaborate on a variety of Christian songs together. Please reach out to our Music Director with your rehearsal availability and ensemble ideas.
- **Children's Choir:** Know of young ones who love games and music? Encourage them to try Children's Choir! Seeking singers grades 3 - 6 who wish to bond with friends through musical games and worshipful songs. Weekly rehearsals begin Wednesday, September 3 to prepare us to sing for occasional 9:30 AM Sunday Masses. Sign-up forms can be requested from the Music Director.
- **Adult Choir:** Looking for a chance to enrich the liturgy with your voice alongside other dedicated musicians? Love what you hear at 11:30 AM Mass and want to be a part of it? All voices grades 7 and up are invited to reach out to our Music Director to set up an Adult Choir rehearsal visit! Weekly rehearsals commence Thursday, September 4 from 7 - 9 PM.

FOR THOSE IN NEED

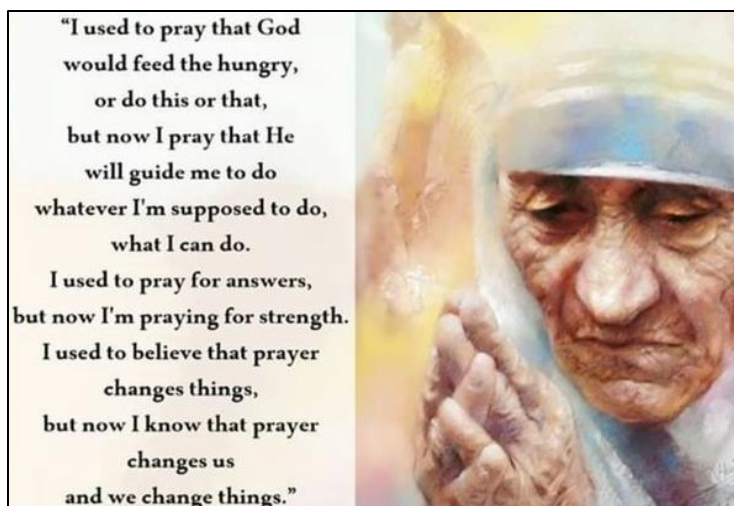
PANTRY SHELF SUMMER HELP: Food items needed at the Pantry: Progresso Soup, Campbell's Chunky Soup, Campbell's Tomato Soup, juice boxes. Donations may be dropped off in the tan bin by the main parking lot entrance here at St. Mary's, or to the bins outside the Pantry Shelf itself at 73 Charles Street.

THE ROSE FOR LIFE: The rose is sponsored this week by the Caron Family. Please join them in prayer for an unborn child. Sponsor a rose by emailing st.marys1870@gmail.com. The donation is \$10. After the rose for your week is purchased, the rest goes to the Pregnancy Help Program of our Archdiocese, <https://pregnancyhelpboston.org/about-us>.

SUPPORT CATHOLIC CHARITIES IN

MILFORD: CCM is dedicated to serving individuals and families in need, offering essential services such as food assistance, housing support, and emergency aid. Their resources are being quickly depleted by the rising cost of living and decreases in funding to multiple agencies which collectively supported their clients. Your generosity can make a real difference in the lives of our neighbors facing hardship. Please consider making a donation to help continue this vital mission of compassion and care. Every contribution - big or small - helps bring hope to those who need it most.

They are in immediate need of: Formula - powdered or liquid, cereal and shelf stable milk to replace school breakfasts, canned goods with pop tops and peanut butter and jelly. **At this time of year there is a special need for backpacks and school supplies for all ages.** Donations and gift cards (e.g., grocery, Visa or Ace Hardware) can be dropped off at their office at 200 Main St. in Milford. Monetary donations may be mailed in.



FOR STUDENTS

Click [HERE](#) for late registration (after August 18, 2025), for Fall 2025 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES.

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



Religious Education Registration for Fall 2025 Classes opened on July 1 and ended on August 18. To register late click the image above. We will place your young person on a waiting list and do our very best to find them a class spot. If we are unable to do so, both registration and late fees will be refunded to you. New families just joining the parish may still register. God bless you.

ASSISTANT CATECHIST TRAINING FOR THE CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD:

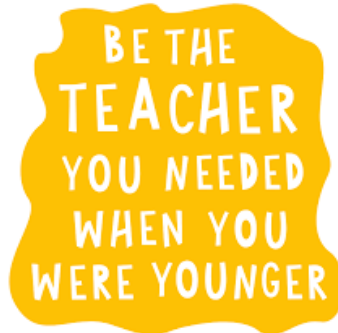
Training will be held on Saturday, September 13 from 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM. The training is for adults age 18 and over. Our young CGS Assistants under age 18 will be trained by Sharon Febo and Meghan Krenselewski, both CGS Coordinators, at a time to be determined.

Parents wanting to know more about CGS are welcome to attend, along with any parishioners. If you are interested in attending, **please contact the Religious Education Office at 508-429-6076 or st.marysre1870@gmail.com** so that we have materials for everyone. **Carol Godfrey**, who is a professional CGS Trainer, will be our presenter.

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 at 508-429-6076, or at stmarysre1870@gmail.com. We look forward to walking with you and learning together in faith!

FOR TEACHERS (YES THAT MEANS YOU!)

Be a Witness for Christ and open the hearts and minds of our children and youth so that they will actively live out their faith each day with confidence in His Truth. Our young children and youth need you! Consider tithing your time as a Group Leader for our Confirmation Program, a Teacher for one of our Grade 1 - 6 Classes, or a class session Monitor for 2025-2026. Training for new teachers will be offered in September. Go online at: <https://stmarysholliston.com/all-parish-forms-2/> and sign up now to teach a class!



OPPORTUNITIES FOR VOLUNTEERS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CHART BELOW:

| GRADE | SESSION DAY AND TIME | TEACHER NEEDS | MONITOR NEEDS |
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| SUNDAY | | | |
| CGS | 8:00 to 9:15 AM | 2 Assistants | 1 |
| GR-1 | 8:10 to 9:20 AM | 5 Teachers | 1 |
| GR-2 | 8:10 to 9:20 AM | 2 Teachers | 1 |
| GR-2 | 10:45 AM to Noon | 2 Teachers | 1 |
| GR-3 | 7:55 to 9:20 AM | 2 Teachers | 1 |
| GR-3 | 10:45AM to 12:15 PM | 3 Teachers | 1 |
| GR-4 | 10:45AM to 12:15 PM | 4 Teachers | 1 |
| GR-5 | 10:45AM to 12:15 PM | 4 Teachers | 1 |
| GR-6 | 4:00 to 5:30 PM | 2 Teachers | 1 |
| MONDAY | | | |
| GR-8* | 7:00 to 8:30 PM | 4 Teachers | 1 |
| TUESDAY | | | |
| GR-3 | 4:00 to 5:30 PM | 4 Teachers | Filled |
| GR-4 | 4:00 to 5:30 PM | 4 Teachers | Filled |
| GR-5 | 4:00 to 5:30 PM | 3 Teachers | Filled |
| GR-6 | 4:00 to 5:30 PM | 3 Teachers | Filled |
| GR-7* | 7:00 to 8:30 PM | 4 Teachers | 1 |
| GR-9/10* | 7:00 to 8:30 PM | 2 Teachers | 1 |
| WEDNESDAY | | | |
| GR-2 | 4:15 to 5:30 PM | 2 Teachers | Filled |
| GR-4 | 4:00 to 5:30 PM | 2 Teachers | Filled |
| GR-7* | 7:00 to 8:30 PM | 4 Teachers | Filled |
| GR-9/10* | 7:00 to 8:30 PM | 2 Teachers | Filled |
| THURSDAY | | | |
| GR-8* | 7:00 to 8:30 PM | 2 Teachers | 1 |

Note: * Grades 7 and 8 meet on the same week and Grades 9/10 meet on the opposite week as Grade 7/8.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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

Last Sunday we were given the image of a friend knocking on a neighbor's door. Jesus said that in such a case persistence in knocking would be rewarded. Today Jesus speaks of a person knocking on heaven's door - a person who is not admitted because Jesus "does not know them."

The message is clear. We are in this life to become friends of Jesus. Only in this way shall we have a place in the Father's House, the place where Jesus has gone ahead to prepare a place for us. Only in this way shall He claim us as His own.

We become Jesus' friends by loving and forgiving our neighbor as Jesus taught. And in Jesus Himself, we have a Divine Friend Who supports us in every trial, and provides the grace to be His own loving Presence in the world. In the words of St. Theresa of Avila, *"If Christ Jesus dwells in a man as his friend and noble leader, that man can endure all things, for Christ helps and strengthens us and never abandons us. He is a true friend."*

God bless you!

Rev. Mark J. Coiro



P.S. I will be away from August 25 through September 5. Many thanks to the Shrine Fathers for their kind coverage while I am on vacation.

ELEVATOR UPDATE

This past Thursday morning our church elevator was found to be inoperable. We had repairmen here within hours, but it has been discovered that the elevator motor is broken and cannot be repaired. Our elevator company is trying to find a new motor extant, but it is possible that one may have to be fabricated. Either way, it could be some time before it is working again. We will get this done as soon as possible and we apologize to our parishioners who rely on the elevator for church access.



FOR OUR YOUTH



MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP: 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 for a new year of faith, friendship, service and fun. Save the date!



T.G.I.F. (Teens Gather In Faith): We are praying for our TGIF High Schoolers and those who are going off to college as

they step into a new school year. May they carry their faith with them into every classroom, friendship, and challenge they face. As a parish family, let us encourage them, pray for them, and remind them that God is with them always.

Prayer for Students: Loving God, bless our students with focus in their studies, strength in their challenges, and joy in their friendships. Keep them safe, guide their hearts, and let them be a light for others. Amen.

Don't forget if you would like to share your Mission Trip Witness while it is still fresh in your mind, please email st.marystgif1870@gmail.com.

The TGIF Kick Off Meeting is Sunday, September 14 from 7:00 - 8:45 PM. Open to ALL, Grades 9 - 12. Save the date!



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TIMMY CAKE FUNDRAISER: Representatives of The Timothy O'Connell Foundation will be selling Tim's favorite chocolate cake after each Mass on the weekend of September 6 and 7. Donation is \$70. All proceeds from the sales of these cakes will go to the Foundation's charitable mission, including its Scholarship Fund. The Timothy O'Connell Foundation is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, established in honor and loving memory of Timothy O'Connell, a St. Mary's parishioner. Since its inception in 2008, the Foundation has distributed over \$1,000,000 in gifts to worthy cancer-related causes and has awarded more than \$147,000 in scholarships to Holliston students pursuing health-related fields of study. Learn more at www.timsteam.org. Email joanneoconnell@comcast.net with any questions. Thank you.

ST. MARY'S MINISTRY FAIR SEPTEMBER 7:

Find out about opportunities to serve and participate in the life of our parish. There will be speakers at all the Masses and a chance to meet people involved in the various ministries after the Sunday 9:30 AM Mass on September 7. You can sign up to be part of a ministry, too. Refreshments (DJ&C) will be available! Let's celebrate our call as individuals and as a parish community to discipleship and service.

ST. MARY'S MOM'S PRAYER GROUP, 9:45 AM:

Please join us on Tuesday, September 9, from 9:45 - 11:00 AM, in Fr. Haley Hall as we pray together, read reflections according to the liturgical season, and share prayer intentions. During the school year, children of all ages are welcome and there are toys and coloring activities available. For more information, please contact: Meghan Krenselewski at 978-421-5795.

SMCWG: St. Mary's Catholic Women's Group will be having their potluck lunch on Wednesday, September 10 at noon in the Parish Library. We always welcome new members. We meet September - December and March - June, on the second Wednesday of the month at noon in the library. Please join us!

ST. MARY'S MARRIAGE FELLOWSHIP

KICKOFF BBQ! St. Mary's Marriage Fellowship is a parish ministry that provides opportunities for married couples to support and encourage each other as we grow spiritually and live in accordance with God's plan for marriage. We'd love to meet you! Please join us for a potluck-style cookout on Sunday, September 14 from 4 - 7 PM. Children are welcome to attend. The cookout will be held off-grounds at the home of Michelle and Jay Skeldon. Appetizers, sides, and desserts would be appreciated if you're able to contribute. **Please RSVP by emailing:** stmarysmarriagefellowship@gmail.com.

FOR OUR PARISH



PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO THE 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 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. 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.