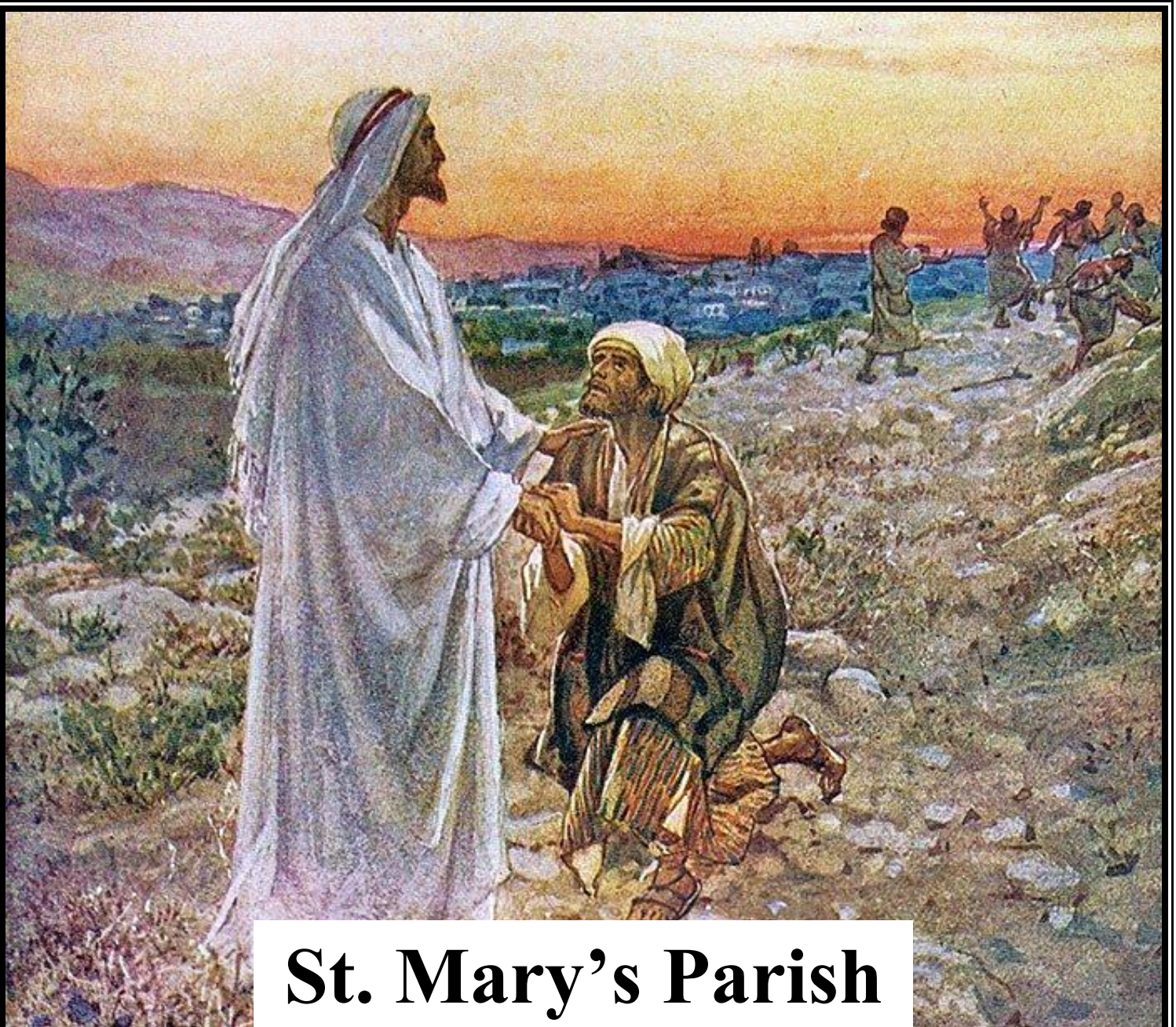




St. Mary's Parish

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



LAST WEEKEND OF OUR ANNUAL BABYSHOWER FOR THE UNBORN: Thank you to all who have already brought in baby items. Donations may still be dropped off through this weekend in the Parish Center Lobby.

These items are most needed:

- * Outfits, Size 0 - 3 months, 3 - 6 months, and 9 - 12 months (Boys & Girls).
 - * Sleep n' Plays, NEWBORN (Boys & Girls).
 - * NEWBORN Onesies.
 - * Bottles 8 oz. and 4 oz.
 - * Baby wash, lotion, and diaper cream.
 - * Diaper Bags (backpack style - Amazon).
- Please, NO baby powder or used clothing/equipment. We especially need warm clothing. All baby clothing must be new.

These gifts will directly assist mothers in crisis pregnancies through the Pregnancy Help program of our Archdiocese. Thank you for supporting families and babies in their time of need! Learn more at:

www.pregnancyhelpboston.org.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	October 11
5:00	Leonard Levasseur
7:30	Renee Balmelli
Sunday	October 12
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Departed Members of the Cosby and Reilly Families
11:30	Christopher Budge
Monday	October 13
9:00	For Our Nation
Tuesday	October 14
9:00	Patsy Nettles
11:00	Funeral ~ Detta Lavoie
Wednesday	October 15
9:00	Patrick McDonald
Thursday	October 16
9:00	Paul T. Shea
Friday	October 17
9:00	Natalie O'Leary
11:00	Funeral ~ Cheryl Brote
Saturday	October 18
5:00	Susan Johnson
7:30	Don Marden
Sunday	October 19
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Kenneth Croke, Louise Croke, Edward Croke and Michael Mansfield
11:30	Ronald Mattson

Eternal Father, in the gift of this Holy Mass, where time meets eternity and earth touches Heaven, we bring before You the souls of the faithful departed, especially those whom we remember in love this day.

Through the mystery of the altar, where Your Son, Jesus Christ, offers Himself anew, receive, O Lord, this perfect sacrifice as a balm for their wounds, a light in their waiting, and a bridge into the fullness of Your presence.

O Mary, Mother of Mercy, intercede for them with a mother's heart. St. Joseph, protector of departing souls, guide them gently home.

All angels and saints, welcome them into the company of the blessed, where every longing is fulfilled, every sorrow turned to song.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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

Today, we hear in the Gospel (Luke 17:11-19) the familiar and moving story of Jesus healing ten lepers. Yet only one, a Samaritan, returns to give thanks. Jesus' response still echoes through the ages. *"Where are the other nine?"*

This Gospel invites us to reflect deeply on the spiritual power of gratitude. While all ten were physically healed, only the one who returned in thanksgiving was made whole. He was saved not just in body, but in spirit. True gratitude does more than say "thank you." It opens our hearts to grace, deepens our relationship with God, and leads us to humility and conversion.

This is also Columbus Day Weekend, a federal holiday that invites us to reflect on the journeys that shaped our world and the legacy they have left behind. As Catholics, we are called to look at history with both clarity and compassion.

Christopher Columbus' voyage in 1492 undeniably changed the course of history, including the introduction of Christianity to the Americas. Yet we must also acknowledge the suffering that followed for many indigenous peoples - a legacy that calls us to repentance, reconciliation, and a renewed commitment to justice.

Like the ten lepers, our ancestors - explorers, settlers, and indigenous communities alike - were all seeking a better future. And like the Samaritan, we are moved to return to the Lord with gratitude for His blessings, while recognizing the ongoing need for healing in our history and in our hearts.

Let this day be one of thanksgiving, not just for what we have received, but for the mission we are entrusted with: to be instruments of reconciliation in our world. In the words of St. Junípero Serra, a missionary to the Americas, *"Always go forward, never turn back."*

May we go forward boldly, proclaiming the Gospel with our lives, healing what is broken, and always giving thanks.

Today I would like to give thanks in a special way for St. Mary's Knights of Columbus Council #14224. By their prayer and charitable endeavors, they are an incredible blessing to our parish and community. May God bless you in your beautiful works!

Today we also give thanks for the young people in our St. Mary's Altar Server Ministry. We are blessed to install three new Altar Servers at our 9:30 AM Mass, all Juniors in High School who after participating in our Mississippi Mission Trip this past summer felt a desire to become more involved in their parish.

We welcome:

Wyatt Kuchman,
Ethan Suhajda,
and John Tobin!

We also congratulate:

Scott Baribeau,
Aiden Breen,
Michael Bukow,
Joel Burgett,
Hanna Kaufman,
Anthony Meisner,
August Nelson
Daniel Nunes,
Matthew Pierce,
and Santi Silveyra-Dodds.



These ten teens are being promoted to Senior Altar Server rank today, and will receive their crosses at the 9:30 AM Mass. All have recently completed more advanced training, and we thank them for their past service and willingness to now take on greater responsibilities. Well done!

May the Lord of Our Journey
continue to bless you and yours.

Under His Mercy,



A Columbus Day Prayer

Heavenly Father, on this Columbus Day, we give thanks for the courage of those who once crossed oceans in search of new lands.

At the same time, we honor the indigenous peoples who have long called this land home. Teach us to listen to their voices, respect their cultures, and acknowledge the wounds of the past with humility and compassion.

Today, we no longer seek to cross seas, but to cross the deeper divides of distrust, injustice, and fear. Help us to bridge the barriers of race, history, and misunderstanding. Guide us to discover together a new future of unity and peace.

Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

FOR THE CHURCH

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND:

Next week's second collection supports Catholic World Missions. The funds gathered on World Mission Sunday are distributed in the pope's name by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith - a Pontifical Mission Society. Please visit www.propfaithboston.org for more information.

SECOND COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND:

Holy Father's Collection, \$3,544.25. Thank you.

PARISH OFFERTORY LAST WEEKEND:

Automatic Giving:	\$ 4,047.00
WeShare:	\$ 4,528.79
Offertory Envelopes:	\$ 8,397.00
Total Offertory:	\$ 16,972.79

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. These online services allow you to maintain your support without having to remember to mail or drop off your envelopes. You can maintain your customary weekly parish support even when you are away on vacation, long holiday weekends, foul weather weekends, sickness, (even pandemic), or other challenges during the year. Learn how to make the switch at: <https://stmarysholliston.com/how-to-give/>.

FOR THOSE IN NEED

PANTRY SHELF BACK TO SCHOOL HELP:

Food items needed at the Pantry: Progresso Soup, Campbell's Chunky Soup, Campbell's Tomato Soup, Campbell's Cream of Chicken Soup, Campbell's Cream of Mushroom Soup, canned fruit cocktail, canned peaches, tuna fish, pasta sauce, pasta (various), snacks and 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 73 Charles Street.



THE ROSE FOR LIFE: The Rose is sponsored this week by a parishioner in memory of Vasco and Pauline Brovelli. Please join her in prayer for an unborn child. Sponsor a Rose by emailing

st.marys1870@gmail.com. Part of the \$10 rose donation buys the rose for church, the rest goes to Pregnancy Help!

FOR THOSE IN NEED

TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE

THIS WEEKEND: At all Masses October 11 & 12, Knights from St. Mary's Knights of Columbus Council #14224 will be passing out Tootsie Rolls. All donations will be given to the K of C State Council to support special needs charities in Massachusetts.



The Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive, officially known as the Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities, began in the 1970's and has since become one of the most recognizable charitable efforts organized by the Knights.

The drive earned its nickname from the tradition of handing out Tootsie Rolls to donors as a token of appreciation. Dressed in bright yellow vests, volunteers station themselves outside churches, stores, and community centers each fall, raising both funds and awareness for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Money collected during the drive stays within the local community, supporting schools, special education programs, and nonprofit organizations that serve people with disabilities. The campaign reflects the Knights of Columbus' longstanding commitment to charity and community service. What started as a small, local effort has grown into a widespread annual tradition, uniting councils across North America in a shared mission to support and uplift some of society's most vulnerable members.



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE IN MEMORY OF MARC LEVASSEUR:

Celebrate life and make a difference by giving blood on Saturday, October 25 in Father Haley Hall from 8 AM - 1 PM. Blood is needed for different kinds of patients. It could be a young child with a rare blood disorder, a family member

fighting cancer, or a friend in a car accident. Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

FOR WOMEN

LISTENING TO CATHOLIC WOMEN:

Bishop Mark O'Connell, Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Boston, has started a new video podcast called "Listening to Catholic Women." So far he has published four interviews with outstanding Catholic women, and there are nine more to come in this season. These interviews are an excellent instance of synodality. You can link to the series here:

<https://www.youtube.com/@listeningtocatholicwomen>.



ST. MARY'S MOM'S PRAYER GROUP: Join us this Tuesday, October 14, 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.



WINGS (Women in God's Spirit): WINGS is a ministry of encouragement and enrichment for women of all ages who seek to deepen their faith and grow in relationship with God and one another. Our Fall Season theme is "Spiritualties of the Catholic Church"

and it continues this Wednesday, October 15, from 10:00 - 11:15 AM in Father Haley Hall in person and also through Zoom. Babysitting is available. Our theme this week is "Love Conquers All." Our speaker, Joe Kelly, Prof. Emeritus at Merrimack College and an Augustinian scholar, will explore with us the three key principles of Augustine spirituality: Truth, Unity and Love.

WINGS asks for dues of \$50 per year, or \$20 per season (Fall, Winter, Spring) to defray speaker fees; however, all women are welcome regardless of ability to pay. Please make checks payable to St. Mary's Parish, and mail to St. Mary's Parish, 8 Church St., Holliston or pay at the door. To register for WINGS, email stmaryswingssecretary@gmail.com.

Truth
Unity
Love

FOR MEN

COR ~ ST. MARY'S FAITH ENRICHMENT PROGRAM FOR MEN:

All men of St. Mary's parish age 18 and older are invited to join us for faith enrichment, scripture, catechesis, prayer and brotherhood at our next Cor meeting on Thursday, October 23, in Sister Ricci House at 7 PM. We will continue our journey through the Old Testament, focusing on the Psalms.



We meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month up to December 11 (except there will be no meeting on November 27) from 7 - 9 PM. Our mission is to help and support each other as we seek to deepen our relationship with God, through scripture, catechesis, prayer and small group discussions. For more information, contact StMarysCor@gmail.com.

Calling Catholic Men!

Are you a Catholic man looking for a deeper sense of purpose, brotherhood, and service? The Knights of Columbus invites you to discover how your faith can move into action.

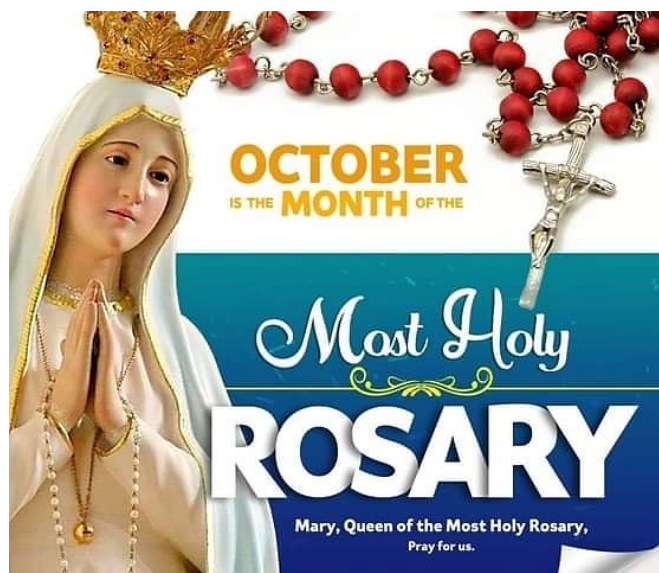
As a Knight, you'll become part of a strong, faith-filled fraternity dedicated to charity, unity, and patriotism. Whether it's supporting parish initiatives, helping those in need, or standing up for the dignity of life, the Knights offer a meaningful way to live out your Catholic values with other men who share your convictions.

This is more than a club, it's a calling.

"Joining the Knights of Columbus has been one of the greatest blessings of my life. It gave me a band of brothers who support me in my faith, in my family life, and in service to others. It's how I live my Catholic faith with purpose." - Carlos Reyes

If you've ever felt the desire to do more, to serve more, and to grow more - spiritually and personally - now is the time. Come see what it means to be a man of faith in action. Contact Grand Knight Tom Brodo at StMarysHollistonKofC@gmail.com to talk about the possibilities. And God bless you.

FOR PRAYER



PRAY THE ROSARY WITH US THIS WEDNESDAY! All Parishioners are invited to pray the rosary this Wednesday night, October 15, at 7:00 PM in the church. The rosary will be led by St. Mary's Knights of Columbus Council #14224. (A 7:30 PM K of C Business Meeting will follow for Knights in the Lower Church Hall).

"The Rosary is the most beautiful and the most rich in graces of all prayers; it is the prayer that touches most the Heart of the Mother of God... and if you wish peace to reign in your homes, recite the Rosary." - St. Pius X

FOR OUR YOUTH

YOUTH MUSIC JAMS START SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19: Join us for our first jam session on Sunday, October 19 at 6 PM, on the stage in Fr. Haley Hall. Bring your guitars, drumsticks, and singing voices to Jam for the Lamb!

Scan the QR to connect on Instagram [@YouthMusicJams](https://www.instagram.com/YouthMusicJams) (click here too) for rehearsal updates.



FOR OUR YOUTH

NEW ALTAR SERVER TRAINING! Next Sunday, October 19 from 7 - 7:30 PM in the Church. Any parish youth currently in grades 4 - 12 may study to become an Altar Server. Just bring the youth accompanied by a parent with your family calendar to this planning meeting. Also, please email Patty Baribeau to indicate your interest: st.marys.altarserver@gmail.com. WELCOME!



TGIF (Teens Gather In Faith): Over 60 Teens gathered in Fr. Haley Hall on Saturday, October 11. We decorated 150 Bags and then filled them with sandwiches made by our teens, chips, apples and cookies baked by our teens.

We also filled Ziploc bags with cereal to provide an easy breakfast option. What a blessing it is to serve the homeless of Fr. Bill's and MainSpring.

Next

Saturday, October 18, TGIF heads

to McCray's 'Fear on the Farm' Haunted Hayride in South Hadley! TGIF is open to ALL TEENS in Grades 9 - 12. For more information, contact: Lisa

Dufault at st.marystgif1870@gmail.com.



OUR NEXT MEETING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19 (bring a friend).

SAVE THE DATE for CAVALIERS vs. CELTICS on Wednesday, October 29 at 7:00 PM. TGIF will take over TD GARDEN. At our October 19 Meeting, there will be Sign-Ups for this trip. First come, first served! We have a total of 65 tickets. \$100 dollars includes game ticket and transportation.



FOR OUR YOUTH



MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP: 105 teens took part in last Sunday's MSYG Kick Off! Our next trip is Friday, October 24 to Barrett's Haunted Mansion. Have faith, not fear! Our next MSYG Monthly Meeting is Sunday, November 2 from 6:30 - 8 PM. There will be Sign-Ups for the November 11 Paintball Battle as well as for Christmas Cookie Walk Baking and the November 21 Gr. 7 Nursing Home Outreach Event. Join us for faith, friendship, service and fun!

FOR ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS: Sunday, October 26 at 1:30 PM. Parishioners are invited to bring their pets to Fr. Haley Hall as we celebrate the Church's Rite of the Blessing of Animals. Each pet will receive an individual blessing as we ask God's protection for our animal friends and remember that all living things are precious to Him. This blessing takes place in October as St. Francis of Assisi's Feast Day is this month, and he had a special love of the furred, finned and feathered creatures of the earth.



FOR MARRIAGE

ST. MARY'S MARRIAGE FELLOWSHIP: The next Monthly Meeting will be this Thursday, October 16, from 6:30 - 8 PM in Sister Ricci House (onsite childcare). This is a parish ministry that provides opportunities for married couples to connect and grow together spiritually. The ministry meets for fellowship and a brief reflection on topics related to marriage, raising children, faith formation, and service. Whether you are newly married or have been together for many years, we'd love to meet you! For more information email stmarysmarriagefellowship@gmail.com. Welcome!

FOR DEEPER REFLECTION

In today's Gospel passage, Jesus is journeying toward Jerusalem, passing between Samaria and Galilee - a borderland not just geographically, but socially and religiously. The ten lepers who approach Him stand at a distance, as required by Jewish law (Leviticus 13:45-46), since leprosy rendered them ritually unclean and excluded from the community. Remarkably, among the ten is a Samaritan, a member of a group despised by the Jews for their mixed ancestry and divergent worship practices. Yet in their shared suffering, these men, normally divided by ethnicity and religion, are united. Jesus' command, "Go, show yourselves to the priests," follows the Mosaic Law's prescription for verifying healing (Leviticus 14), and it is in their act of obedience, while on the way, that they are cleansed. This emphasizes the power of faith-in-action and Jesus' authority over both physical illness and the Law. However, only one returns, and he is the Samaritan. His return is a profound act of worship. Luke uses the language of the Psalms, "praising God in a loud voice," to describe his gratitude, signaling the man's spiritual insight. Jesus' response, "Your faith has saved you" (Luke 17:19), uses the Greek word *sozo*, which can mean both physical healing and salvation. While all ten are healed, only the Samaritan receives the deeper gift of salvation through his faith and thanksgiving. This encounter prefigures the inclusion of the Gentiles in the New Covenant and challenges the faithful to see gratitude not just as a virtue, but as a doorway into deeper communion with God. It also invites us, especially in the Eucharist (which literally means "thanksgiving"), to return to Christ again and again with hearts full of faith and praise.

CLOW ~ CHILDREN K-6 ~ CHILDREN'S

LITURGY OF THE WORD: Today, October 12, the children will be dismissed to the lower church hall to listen and learn what Jesus teaches us in the Gospel.

Please note: Younger children **must be accompanied by their parents** and able to sit and engage in the lesson. Older children are welcome to assist the adult leaders.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD FOR GROUP "B" STARTS ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19 AT 8:00 AM IN THE ATRIUM LOCATED IN SR. RICCI HOUSE:

Children assigned to Group B will come to their first CGS meeting on Sunday, October 19. Our trained Catechists, Ms. Febo and Mrs. Krenselewski will greet your child and be escorted to the Atrium where they will start their journey to learn about our Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ.



GRADE	DATE	TIME
	SUNDAY	
NO CLASSES	October 12	Columbus Day
CGS-GRP-B	October 19	8:00 to 9:15 AM
GR-1	October 19	8:10 to 9:25 AM
GR-4	October 19	10:45 AM to Noon
GR-5	October 19	10:45 AM to Noon
GR-6	October 19	4:00 to 5:30 PM
	MONDAY	
GR-8	October 20	7:00 to 8:30 PM
	TUESDAY	
GR-4	October 21	4:00 to 5:30 PM
GR-5	October 21	4:00 to 5:30 PM
GR-6	October 21	4:00 to 5:30 PM
GR-7	October 21	7:00 to 8:30 PM
GR-9/10	October 28	7:00 to 8:30 PM
	WEDNESDAY	
GR-2	October 22	4:15 to 5:30 PM
GR-4	October 22	4:00 to 5:30 PM
GR-7	October 22	7:00 to 8:30 PM
GR-9/10	October 29	7:00 to 8:30 PM
	THURSDAY	
GR-8	October 23	7:00 to 8:30 PM

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.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM 2025-2026:

- **Grade 7 Confirmation I** Second Session: Tuesday, October 21 or Wednesday, October 22 at 7:00 PM in Fr. Haley Hall.
- **Grade 8 Confirmation II** Second Session: Monday, October 20 or Thursday, October 23 at 7:00 PM in Fr. Haley Hall.
- **Grade 9/10 Confirmation** (Last year for Grades 9 and 10) begins on Tuesday, October 28 or Wednesday, October 29 at 7:00 PM in Fr. Haley Hall.

THERE IS STILL A NEED FOR MORE TEACHERS AND MONITORS ~ SEE BELOW:

GRADE	SESSION DAY AND TIME	TEACHER NEEDS	MONITOR NEEDS
	SUNDAY		
CGS	8:00 to 9:15 AM	2 Assistants	1
GR-2	8:10 to 9:25 AM	1 Assistant	1
GR-3	7:55 to 9:20 AM	1 Assistant	1
GR-3	10:45AM to 12:15 PM	1 Assistant	1
GR-4	10:45AM to 12:15 PM	1 Assistant	1
GR-5	10:45AM to 12:15 PM	1 Assistant	1
GR-6	4:00 to 5:30 PM	1 Assistant	1
	TUESDAY		
GR-7*	7:00 to 8:30 PM	1 Teacher	Filled
	WEDNESDAY		
GR-7*	7:00 to 8:30 PM	1 Teacher	Filled
	THURSDAY		
GR-8*	7:00 to 8:30 PM	1 Teacher	Filled

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

OCTOBER HAPPENINGS IN THE ATRIUM:

Each child was greeted by Mrs. Krenselewski as they arrived in the Atrium. The children were taken into the Atrium to see their new sacred space and the first movement for the children was to prepare the prayer table. The children slowly placed the green prayer cloth over the table letting the children know that we are now in Ordinary time on the Liturgical calendar. The Bible was enthroned on a soft pillow by two children while other children placed prayer items on the prayer table.

