

Ash Wednesday February 18

6:45 AM Liturgy
9:00 AM Mass
4:00 PM Liturgy
5:30 PM Liturgy
7:00 PM Mass



Ashes will be distributed
at all five celebrations.
Our Lenten Journey begins.
Forty Days of grace.
A time to turn back to the Lord.



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 Sung Mass

Holy Days: Announced

Adoration Schedule:

First Fridays 9:30 - 10:30 AM,
Thursdays in Lent 7 - 8 PM.

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
Noon to 12:45 PM.

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. Welcome to Christ!

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



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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

Last Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock, Fr. Francis Signorelli of the Fatima Shrine passed to God. Father Francis was ninety-four years old and had suffered health problems for some time. But he never stopped witnessing the love of Christ to others or trusting in the God he served so well.

Father Francis was a great friend to our parish, celebrating Masses and hearing Confessions here for many years until prevented by failing health. He always joined us for the Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday Triduum Celebrations here at Saint Mary's. Now we pray that he will take his place at the great Liturgy of Heaven.



We are honored to hold Fr. Francis' Funeral Mass here at Saint Mary's tomorrow morning, Monday, February 16, at 11 AM, after which he will be laid to rest at the shrine cemetery. He will lie in state in our church beginning at 10 AM. Please keep Fr. Francis in your prayers, as well as

his fellow Xaverian Missionaries now mourning the loss of so good a man and so faithful a friend.

"If you bring your gift to the altar, and there recall that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled."

Matthew 5:23-24

We stand this Sunday at a liturgical threshold. In just a few days, the celebratory "Alleluias" will be silenced, and our foreheads will be marked with the dust of our mortality. We are on the eve of Lent; a season often misunderstood as a mere marathon of self-denial. But today's Gospel from the Sermon on the Mount reveals the true meaning of the Lenten journey we are about to begin.

Jesus is preparing us to join Him for forty days in the desert by demanding a radical interior honesty. He tells us that the external rituals of religion, even prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, are hollow if the heart is cluttered with unresolved malice. Before we choose what we are "giving up" for Lent, Jesus asks us what we are "holding onto." Are we holding onto a grudge like a prized possession? Are we nursing an anger that we feel is justified? Christ's message today is clear. The most pleasing sacrifice we can offer God on Ash Wednesday is not a change in diet, but a change of heart.

Lent is a time to "clean house," and the Gospel reminds us that the mess is often hidden in our thoughts and intentions. It is relatively easy to give up chocolate; it is significantly harder to give up the "right" to be angry. Yet this is exactly what the Lord asks. He wants us to walk into the Lenten season unencumbered. If you are heading toward His altar but your heart is heading toward a confrontation, stop. Reconcile. Then, come offer your gift.

Consider these words of Saint Claude de la Colombière, a 17th century Jesuit known for his profound trust in God's mercy. *"God does not demand of you a great number of things, but a great deal of love in the few things you do for Him."* St. Claude understood that our efforts are nothing without a heart aligned with God's will, God's mercy, God's love.

This is the perfect mantra for the coming week. Whether your Lenten penance is large or small, its value will be measured by the love and the "purity of heart" behind it.

As you prepare your homes and hearts for the fast, I invite you to perform an "inventory of the soul."

- Is there a phone call you've been avoiding because of a disagreement?
- Is there a family member you haven't spoken to out of pride?
- Is there a secret judgment you carry against a coworker?

Do not wait for Ash Wednesday to begin the work of reconciliation. Clear the path now. In the language of Sirach in today's First Reading, let us enter the desert not as people burning with and burned by the "fire" of resentment, but as people thirsting for the "water" of God's mercy.

God bless you.

Rev. Mark J. Coiro



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, HS Youth Minister
 Ms. Abigail Kelley-Lanser, 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

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND:

For Catholic Charities Boston, which serves tens of thousands of our neighbors across the Archdiocese of Boston - families in need of food, shelter, advocacy, and emergency assistance. With your partnership, Catholic Charities can continue to be a beacon of hope, offering immediate assistance and the tools for lasting stability through adult education classes, quality childcare, and job training programs. As we enter this season of renewal, your gift can be an expression of your faith in action. Every contribution directly helps our neighbors (of all faiths) in need. To learn more or to make an online donation, please visit <https://www.ccab.org/?form=DonateNow>.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND:

The Church Around the World. This collection supports the Church in those underdeveloped areas of the world. Catholic Relief Services (CRS), the Church in Africa and in Central and Eastern Europe, the Military Archdiocese, Home Missions, and the Black and Indian Missions. Your donations will help fund spiritual, educational and humanitarian needs.

LAST SUNDAY'S PARISH OFFERTORY:

Automatic Giving: \$ 2,518.00
 WeShare: \$ 4,096.70
 Envelopes: \$ 8,109.00
 Total Offertory: \$ 14,723.70
 Weekly Need \$ 15,000.00

Shortfall: \$ 276.30

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/>.

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday February 14
 5:00 Nancy Hovsepian
 7:30 Michael Sammarco
Sunday February 15
 7:30 People of St. Mary's
 9:30 Len Levasseur
 11:30 Helen Medwid, 6th Anv.
Monday February 16
No 9:00 Mass Today
10:00 Fr. Francis' Lying in State
11:00 Funeral - Fr. Francis Signorelli
Tuesday February 17
 9:00 William Cosby

ASH WEDNESDAY ~ February 18

FASTING: Catholics over eighteen and up to the beginning of their sixtieth year are bound to the obligation of fasting. **Ash Wednesday** and Good Friday are the days of fasting. On these days, only one full meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed.



ABSTINENCE: Catholics over fourteen years of age are bound to the obligations of abstinence. Abstinence is to be observed on **Ash Wednesday** and the Fridays of Lent. On abstinence days, meat may not be used at all. Regarding other weekdays of Lent, participation in daily Mass and the voluntary observance of fasting is recommended. Commendable, is generosity to local, national and world programs of sharing our abundance, the traditional Lenten Devotions and all the self-denial summed up in the concept of "mortification."

Thursday February 19
 9:00 Holy Souls in Purgatory
Friday February 20
 9:00 Paul T. Shea
Saturday February 21
 5:00 John Collins, 21st Anv.
 7:30 Carmen Chiango
Sunday February 22
 7:30 People of St. Mary's
 9:30 Gary Sencio
 11:30 Isaac De Guzman, 45th Anv.



ADORATION, Every Thursday: This Lent, St. Mary's will offer a Eucharistic Holy Hour each Thursday in the church from 7 - 8 PM. Each Lenten Holy Hour includes an intention for which we ask you kindly to add to your prayers during your time before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament: **This Thursday, February 19** please pray for Peace in Palestine and Israel.

LENTEN SUPPERS, Every Friday: Join us for a great meal, prayer and deepening your community connection to your St. Mary's Family!



Fridays at 6 PM: February 20, 27 (on the 27th we begin at 5:30 PM as the St. Paul's Boy Choir performs at 7 PM); March 6, 13, 20, and 27.

Our Lenten Suppers will take place in Fr. Haley Hall and will include a range of food options while observing Friday's abstinence from meat - as well as child-friendly food.

Families with young children are encouraged to come and not feel burdened about bringing a meal, please let your St. Mary's community lift you up. This also applies to any individual / couple / family

feeling burdened where bringing a meal would prevent you from attending. We are all in different seasons of life, let your St. Mary's family be a safe landing spot for you this Lent!

If you'd like to help, please email Natalie Pomarico at st.maryslentensuppers@gmail.com. You will be added to the Lenten Supper Volunteer Group. A weekly 'Signup Genius' goes out via email to the volunteer base and individuals sign up for available food / drink slots. Volunteer participation varies week to week, some volunteer once during the six weeks, some commit to every week and others dip in and out of helping. Thank you!

LENTEN RETREAT HOUR, February 21: Join us for a Lenten Retreat Hour, **Next Saturday, February 21** from 10:30 - 11:30 AM in St. Mary's Church. Deacon John Barry will Expose the Blessed Sacrament for Eucharistic Adoration. During this time of prayer, he will offer the reflection, "The Way of Peace." We live in a time of turmoil, suffering, and violence. Our families, community, nation, and our world are desperately seeking ways to find peace, which always seems elusive. God is the only Answer. This retreat will focus on the only way for us to achieve true and lasting peace through the Cross and example of Jesus Christ.

ST. PAUL'S BOY CHOIR CONCERT, February 27:

Friday, February 27, 7 - 8 PM in St. Mary's Church.

Bless your Lent with an evening of rapturous music by the internationally



acclaimed Boy Choir of St. Paul's Choir School in Cambridge. Directed by Brandon Straub, the Choir will perform selected works from the sacred repertoire, including pieces by Bach, Faure, Bruckner, Mozart, Saint-Saëns, and Rutter.

The Concert is free and open to all. For more information about St. Paul's Choir School, please visit www.saintpaulschoirschool.us.

On the 27th the Lenten Friday Supper will start early at 5:30 PM, so that you can attend both.

FOR MARRIAGE

BLESSING OF MARRIED COUPLES: February is World Marriage Month, and at all Masses next weekend February 21 and 22, a special blessing will be offered to all married persons present. As is our custom at St. Mary's, the couple at each Mass present together and married the longest will be presented with roses. In honoring these couples, we honor all our married couples and allow all at the Masses to witness married love that with God's help has flourished and endured.



MARRIAGE FELLOWSHIP: Our Marriage Fellowship group will be volunteering at **My Brother's Keeper in Easton on Saturday, February 28 from about 9 AM - 12:30 PM** to deliver food to

families in need primarily in Brockton, MA. Historically, we meet at the facility in Easton for a brief tour and opening prayer and then load up our own vehicles with food/essentials donated by My Brother's Keeper and then we deliver them to assigned families in need. Children are welcome.

My Brother's Keeper is a beautiful, Catholic run non-profit that helps so many people every week and we have been incredibly blessed by opportunities to teach our children to spread God's love through this annual family-friendly volunteer service project. Here's their link to check out all of the amazing ways they show God's love: <https://www.mybrotherskeeper.org/>.

Please email Heather Nunes at stmarysmarriagefellowship@gmail.com to let us know if you're able to volunteer for this service project so we can give them the number of volunteers. Two adults per vehicle is so important to help with driving, putting in directions, calling ahead to families and running the deliveries to the households. If you and your spouse are not both able to attend, please either let me know so we can coordinate two adults per vehicle or you can ask a friend to join you to help with the deliveries. It is a truly wonderful ministry so please consider joining us!

BUILDING A HAPPIER MARRIAGE: You're invited to a special evening presentation with Ester and Arthur Brooks on "Building a Happier Marriage" on Wednesday, February 25 at 7 PM. Ester Munt Brooks is a Catholic educator dedicated to helping ordinary people deepen their faith and apply it to daily life. Arthur Brooks is a happiness researcher, social scientist, Harvard Kennedy School and Harvard Business School professor, and NYT bestselling author of "Build the Life You Want," co-written with Oprah Winfrey. Ester and Arthur will share their insights on the philosophy and science of love, how to build stronger, lasting bonds with your spouse, and how to find and nurture deep friendships. This event is free and open to the public! It will be at the Montrose School, 29 North Street in Medfield.

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 at our first meeting of the Spring 2026 season which will be at **7 PM on February 26, in Fr. Haley Hall.** In keeping with the spirit of Lent as an opportunity to rekindle our relationship with God, the topic of our first meeting will be the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



The mission of Cor is to gather together Catholic men who can help and support each other as they seek to deepen their relationships with God, and to discern God's will for them.

When we are caught up in the daily grind of life we are tempted to put God on the back shelf, like a back-up flashlight, only to be called upon in case of emergency. The problem is that a back-up flashlight will lose its charge over time if neglected. Likewise, if we take God for granted and fail to regularly seek His guidance in our lives, we may find that due to our neglect, the light that God wants to provide to us has dimmed, making it difficult to discern God's path for us.

The forty days of Lent present an opportunity for us to break free of the daily grind in order to build a stronger relationship with God, and to reorient ourselves toward God's light.

For more information, contact StMarysCor@gmail.com.

FOR WOMEN

ST. MARY'S MOM'S PRAYER GROUP: Please join us this Tuesday, February 17 from 9:45 - 11 AM, in Fr. Haley Hall as we pray together, read reflections by the liturgical season, and share prayer intentions. Children of all ages are welcome with toys and coloring activities available. For information, please contact Lauren Onak at 954-803-9942.



WINGS (Women in God's Spirit): The Winter Season Bible Study continues **this Wednesday, February 18**, in person and via Zoom. Note our starting time of 10:15 AM due to the Ash Wednesday 9 AM Mass. WINGS is using Kevin Perrotta's book "Matthew 5 - 7: How To be

Happy" as our guide and this week focuses on Chapter 4. Joe Javorski, our Winter Season guide, has already given us many valuable insights into the meaning behind Jesus' Sermon on the Mount and how it applies to our lives. All women are most welcome. Babysitting is provided; please register in advance. Email stmaryswingssecretary@gmail.com to register or call Jen at 617-852-9632 or Diane at 508-259-7795.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER, March 6: 'I Will Give You Rest: Come.' (Mt. 11:28-30) A message from the country of Nigeria. World Day of Prayer (WDP) is a worldwide ecumenical movement of women of many faith traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year. We welcome men to attend with us in the celebration. Please join us as we gather to celebrate at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 600 Central Street, Holliston on Friday, March 6, at 10 AM. We will meet in the sanctuary. All are welcome!

FOR THOSE IN NEED

HOLLISTON PANTRY SHELF: Food items needed at the Pantry: Progresso Soup, Campbell's Chunky Soup, Campbell's Tomato Soup, Ritz Crackers, saltine crackers, canned pears, canned regular coffee (11 oz), canned decaf coffee (11 oz), tuna fish, pasta. Donations may be dropped off in the tan bin by the main parking lot doors right here at St. Mary's, or to the bins outside 73 Charles Street.

THE ROSE FOR LIFE: The Rose this week is sponsored by the Reilly Family. Please join them in prayer for an unborn child. Please email st.marys1870@gmail.com to become part of this beautiful affirmation of life.

FOR MARCH

LENTEN PARISH

MISSION, March 8 & 9:

St. Mary's 2026 Lenten Mission will be held from 7 - 8:15 PM, in the church, on Sunday, March 8 and Monday, March 9. Rediscover the Heart of Lent: "The Four Ways of Love." We all want to love and be loved, but let's be honest, love is rarely "one size fits all." This Lent, move beyond the abstract and join us for a journey into the very architecture of the human heart. Fr. Brian Mahoney, Pastor of The Holy Rood Collaborative, will lead us in exploring the four ancient Greek pillars of love. By understanding these distinct "languages," we can transform our relationships with our families, our neighbors, and our Creator. Save the dates!



40 HOURS DEVOTION, March 15, 16, & 17: In celebrating this devotion, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the altar at St. Mary's for forty continuous hours. The church will be open throughout, and people may come at any time to visit with the Lord in prayer.

FOR DEACON MARTY!

This spring, Deacon Martin Breinlinger will celebrate his 50th Anniversary of Ordination. He was part of the Class of 1976 - the very first group of men ordained as Permanent Deacons in the Archdiocese of Boston. He has blessed our parish in countless ways during those years - preaching, celebrating Baptisms and Weddings, heading ministries, and being a friend to all.

Deacon Marty's 50th Anniversary Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated on Sunday, April 26 at 11:30 AM, followed by a reception in Fr. Haley Hall. Save the date!



FOR OUR YOUTH!



HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP ~ TGIF (Teens Gather In Faith): We begin our TGIF Lenten Study today, Sunday, February 15 from 3 - 4 PM. Note, all meetings will be in the lower church hall, not Sr. Ricci house, as originally planned. We will be

reading 'The Last Words of Jesus' by Daniel Horan O.F.M., A meditation on Love and Suffering.



We head to Nashoba Tubing Park on Tuesday, February 17. Arrive at St. Mary's Parish Center at 4:15 PM, the bus leaves at 4:30 PM sharp. We will return around 9 PM.

Our next TGIF Meeting is ONE WEEK AWAY, Sunday, February 22, from 7 - 8:45 PM in Fr. Haley Hall (bring a friend)! TGIF is open to ALL TEENS in Grades 9 - 12. For more information, contact Lisa Dufault at st.marystgif1870@gmail.com.



Be sure to follow TGIF on Instagram. It is a great way to show your support for these teens and to see all the incredible things they are doing!

2026 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, SAVE THE DATES, JULY 20 - 24: Calling all campers (entering K - Grade 6) and volunteers (entering Grade 7 - adults)! Get ready to journey deep into the heart of the rainforest! Step through the mist into a vibrant world of towering trees, cascading waterfalls, and chattering wildlife. Campers will embark on a powerful adventure exploring the true nature of God. Rainforest Falls registration information will be available after Easter. But save those dates now!

FY26 CORIs NOW DUE: It is the time of year again when we request that all St. Mary's volunteers renew your CORI, and review the Code of Conduct. If you have not already completed a FY26 CORI, you can complete these forms in the Religious Education office during normal office hours. Thank you!



MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP! Our next trip is the MSYG vacation week trip to Boda Borg and Quincy Market **this Friday, February 20.**



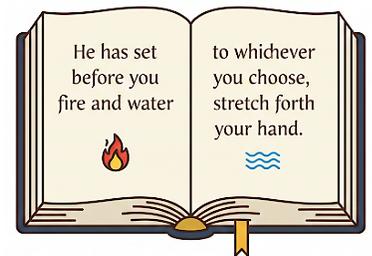
We will also be hosting the St. Paul's Boy Choir at their concert here on **Friday, February 27.**

Our next Meeting is **Sunday, March 1, from 6:30 - 8:30 PM!** It is half an hour longer to allow time for making 300 sandwiches for the homeless for Lent. Rafting payments are due at this meeting as well as Sign-Ups for the March 27 Cosmic Bowling Trip.

THE WORD FOR MIDDLE SCHOOLERS: Sirach 15:15-20

Ever played a game where your choices actually change the ending? That's exactly what the book of Sirach is talking about. It says, *"Before man are life and death, good and evil, whichever he chooses shall be given him."*

In Middle School, it often feels like everyone else is making the choices for you: your parents, your teachers, even your coaches. But Sirach reminds us that when it comes to your character, the remote is in your hands. God doesn't treat us like robots. He sets "fire and water" before us.



Want to be the person who stands up for the kid being ignored? That's choosing "water" to put out the fire of loneliness. Want to join in on the gossip because it's easier? That's playing with fire. God isn't hovering over you waiting for you to fail; He's rooting for you to choose the path that actually leads to happiness.

Remember, you aren't just a number in a grade book or a face in a crowded hallway. To God, you are seen, known, and loved. Your "small" good choices aren't small to Him - they are everything!

Tomorrow, when you have that split-second moment to either be kind or be "cool" at someone else's expense, remember: you're the author of your own story. What kind of character are you writing? How will your story end?

ADULT FAITH FORMATION SESSION: The Adult Faith Formation class on “The Bible and the Blessed Virgin Mary” will continue on Monday, February 23 at 10 AM in Room 3-4. All are welcome.

CLOW ~ CHILDREN K-6 ~ CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD: Today, February 15, 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.

NO CLASSES FEBRUARY 15 TO FEBRUARY 20; ASH WEDNESDAY IS FEBRUARY 18.

DAY	CLASS	CLASS
Sun., Feb. 15	NO CLASSES	Feb. Vacation
Sun., Feb. 22	CGS-B at 8:00 AM	GR-2 at 8:10 AM
	GR-2 at 10:45 AM	GR-3 at 7:55 AM
	GR-3 at 10:45 AM	GR-6 at 4:00 PM
Tues., Feb. 24	GR-4 at 4:00 PM	GR-5 at 4:00 PM
	GR-6 at 4:00 PM	GR-9/10 at 7:00 PM
Wed., Feb. 25	GR-2 at 4:15 PM	GR-4 at 4:00 PM
	GR-9/10 at 7:00 PM	
Sun., Mar. 1	CGS-Safety Lesson	GR-1 at 8:10 AM
	GR-4 at 10:45 AM	GR-5 at 10:45 AM

PARENT MEETINGS ~ FIRST COMMUNION: There will be two meetings offered for parents of children preparing for First Communion in June 2026.

- Tuesday, March 9 from 7 - 8 PM in FHH.
- Thursday, March 12 from 10 - 11 AM in FHH.

FOR ALL RELIGIOUS ED FAMILIES! VIRTUS EMPOWERING GOD’S CHILDREN (EGC) SAFETY PROGRAM: The month of January began our Safety Sessions. Every year the Archdiocese of Boston requires Religious Education Programs to offer safety classes to children and youth.

Parents can view the program at: www.VIRTUSonline.org. Enter the **User Name:** Parent_Boston and the **Password:** EGCBoston1. When you are in the landing page click on **Education** at the top. *Please take the time to view the lesson plans for your child’s grade, before the scheduled safety classes in February through April.*

EMPOWERING GOD’S CHILDREN SAFETY SESSIONS FOR GRADES K AND 4. Any family wishing to Opt-Out their child must complete and submit an Opt-Out form to the Religious Education Office.

- Grade 4 - Tuesday, February 24 at 4 PM.
- Grade 4 - Wednesday, February 25 at 4 PM.
- Grade K - Sunday, March 1 at 8 AM.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD IN THE ATRIUM THIS PAST WEEKEND FOR GROUP A:



The children are singing the “Kingdom Song” with Ms. Febo, our CGS Catechist. The specific line they are singing is “The Kingdom is in the Highest” and as the children sing they are acting out the motions of the song with joy.

Working with one of the practical life activities, she is learning about the Liturgical colors of the priest vestments worn during the Church calendar year. As the children come to Mass with their families they will know that we are back in Ordinary



Time with the color green and soon changing to the color purple vestments as Ash Wednesday approaches on February 18.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD (CGS): LEVEL ONE COURSE: The Level 1 course includes at least 90 hours in Scripture, liturgy, child development in the Montessori Method, and the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd approach. Catechists must have read three books for the course and work with fellow catechists to complete their album pages before the end of the course. Part 1 of the course begins July 27 - August 1, 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM, and August 2, 12:00 - 4:30 PM. Part 2 of Level 1 will be offered in 2027: July 11, 12 - 17, 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM and July 18, 12:00 - 4:30 PM. Location for CGS training is St. Mary of the Assumption in Brookline, MA. Certification of completion will be issued for Level 1. Parts 1 and 2 honor your full attendance and participation in the Level 1 course. Registration is limited to 16 people. Register by May 1, 2026. Contact Melissa Kalpakgian at 617-746-5755 or mkalpakgian@rcab.org.