



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,

On this Third Sunday of Lent, the Gospel presents us with the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well. It is a story about spiritual thirst, of seeking satisfaction in places that leave us empty, and of the transformative power of being fully "known" by Christ yet still loved by Him unconditionally. Jesus offers the woman and all of us "living water," the only source that can truly quench our deepest desires for love and fulfillment.

This theme of thirst is especially relevant in our digital age. We all too often try to satisfy our thirst for connection, beauty, and love through counterfeit means. The following article, "**From Shadow to Splendor**," confronts a modern-day "broken cistern," the pervasive and destructive reality of pornography. This addiction brings pain, shame, and isolation to more and more of God's people.

Just as Jesus brought the woman's hidden life into the light of His mercy, so too we must bring this struggle into the light. This article is offered as a source of truth, healing, and hope. It provides practical steps, rooted in our Catholic faith and modern science, to help us reclaim the dignity of the human person and move from the shadows into the splendor of Christ's love.

Let us ask Our Lady for the grace to allow Christ to "tell us everything we have done," only to find that His greatest desire is still to give us Himself - the living water that wells up to eternal life.

God bless you.

Rev. Mark J. Coiro



"The problem with pornography is not that it shows too much of the person, but that it shows far too little."

– Pope Saint John Paul II

FROM SHADOW TO SPLENDOR: FINDING HOPE AND HEALING IN A DIGITAL AGE

In our modern world, the digital frontier has brought many blessings, yet it has also facilitated a "growing problem" that the U.S. Bishops have called a "plague": the proliferation of pornography. What was once hidden in the shadows of back alleys is now a constant, silent guest in our pockets, homes, and schools. For Catholics, addressing this is not about shame, but about reclaiming the dignity of the human person and the sanctity of love.

The Toll on the Mind and Heart

Research increasingly confirms that pornography is not a "victimless" habit. It fundamentally reshapes the human person at three critical levels:

The Developing Male Brain: The prefrontal cortex, the area responsible for impulse control and decision-making, does not fully mature until age 25. Neuroscientists have observed that heavy pornography consumption can lead to a 10 - 12% reduction in gray matter and a "blunting" of the brain's reward system (Meng, 2016; Kuhn, 2014). This creates a cycle of desensitization where the user requires increasingly extreme content to achieve the same dopamine high.

Social Connection: Pornography creates a "time displacement effect," replacing real-world social interactions with a digital fantasy. Studies show it is associated with lower levels of empathy, increased social anxiety, and a "flattening" of emotional affect, making it difficult to connect with real people in meaningful, vulnerable ways (PMC12515835, 2025).

The Marital Bond: In the context of marriage, pornography acts as "spiritual adultery." Statistics indicate that the probability of divorce nearly doubles when one spouse begins consuming pornography (Webster, 2022). It creates a "predatory" gaze, where the spouse is no longer a partner to be loved, but an object to be compared to an impossible, airbrushed standard.

The Spiritual Impact

Spiritually, pornography is a direct offense against the virtue of chastity. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches that it “perverts the conjugal act, the intimate giving of spouses to each other” (CCC 2354). By removing sexual acts from the context of real, self-giving love, it turns the user inward toward a selfish “illusion of a fantasy world.” St. John Paul II often spoke of the “nuptial meaning of the body” - the truth that we are made to be a gift to others. Pornography reverses this, training us to *use* rather than to love.

A Path to Victory ~ Spiritual and Practical Best Practices

If you or a loved one are struggling, there is profound hope. Recovery is possible through a “holistic” approach that combines the wisdom of science with the power of grace.

The Sacramental Life: Frequent Confession is the primary source of healing. It is not a place of judgment, but a “clinic of the soul.” Coupled with the Eucharist, the sacraments provide the supernatural grace necessary to rewire the heart.

Marian Intercession & Prayer: The Catholic tradition has long held the Rosary as a powerful weapon against temptation. Many find success in the “Three Hail Marys” devotion - praying three Hail Marys every morning and evening for the virtue of purity.

Practical Safeguards

Guard the Senses: Identify triggers (fatigue, loneliness, stress) and use digital filters.

Accountability: Sin thrives in the dark. Bringing the struggle into the light with a priest or a trusted mentor is the first step toward freedom.

Resources for the Journey

You do not have to walk this path alone. The following organizations provide compassionate, expert help:

- **Strive 21:** A free, 21-day detox program for men led by Matt Fradd. strive21.com

- **Integrity Restored:** Provides resources for men, women, and couples, including a directory of Catholic therapists. integrityrestored.com
- **RECLAIM Sexual Health:** A science-based Catholic recovery program focusing on brain health and spiritual renewal. reclaimsexualhealth.com
- **Catholic in Recovery:** 12-step support groups that integrate the Catholic faith. catholicinrecovery.com
- **Covenant Eyes:** Leading software for screen accountability and filtering. covenanteyes.com

Footnotes & References

(Text Reference: Meng, 2016) Kühn, S., & Gallinat, J. (2014). Brain structure and functional connectivity associated with pornography consumption: the brain on porn. *JAMA psychiatry*, 71(7), 827-834. [Read the study here](#). (Note: While Kuhn’s 2014 study is the primary citation for structural changes, Meng’s 2016 research further examines brain activity related to sexual stimuli. The Kuhn study is the direct source for the gray matter findings cited in the article.)

(Text Reference: PMC12515835, 2025) Wright, P. J., Tokunaga, R. S., & Kraus, A. (2025). Pornography, Empathy, and Social Connection: A Meta-Analysis. *Journal of Communication*, (Preprint/Accepted Manuscript available via PubMed Central). [Access the general PMC database here](#). (The specific reference likely refers to an aggregate study available through the NIH PubMed Central repository summarizing recent findings on empathy and social isolation.)

(Text Reference: Webster, 2022) Perry, S. L., & Schleifer, C. (2018). Pornography and divorce, revisited: A research note using dynamic data. *Journal of Sex Research*, 55(8), 1021-1033. [Link to study summary](#). (Note: While referenced as Webster (2022), the statistics cited regarding divorce probability are most strongly documented in the 2018 Perry & Schleifer dynamic data study.)

(Text Reference: CCC 2354) *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2nd ed. (Washington, DC: United States Catholic Conference, 2019), paragraph 2354. [Read the Catechism online](#).

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
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 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

LAST SUNDAY'S PARISH OFFERTORY:

Automatic Giving: \$ 3,125.00
 WeShare: \$ 5,117.65
 Envelopes: \$ 7,547.00
 Total Offertory: \$ 15,789.65

May God bless you for your faithful stewardship!

**LENTEN PARISH MISSION
 STARTS TONIGHT!**



Rediscover the Heart of Lent ~
 "The Four Ways of Love."

Sunday, March 8 and Monday, March 9

from 7:00 - 8:15 PM

in St. Mary's Church, Holliston.

Followed by Refreshments in Fr. Haley Hall on Monday.

Storge
Phlios

Eros
Agape



ARCHDIOCESE OF BOSTON | CATHOLIC APPEAL

THIS WEEKEND - THE 2026

CATHOLIC APPEAL: Kindly review the information provided last weekend, bulletin pages 5 - 8, https://stmarysholliston.com/wp-content/uploads/Bulletin_2026.03.01.pdf and make your pledge **this weekend** if possible.

Two Examples of What the Appeal Does:

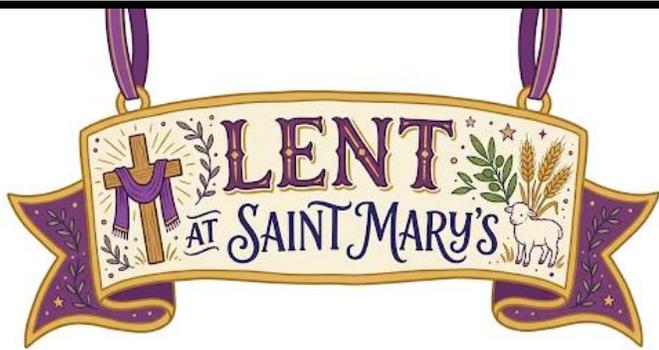
Your support of the CA allows the Addiction Recovery Ministry and Opioid Task Force to find and implement life-changing faith-inspired support and programs to anyone affected by addiction.

The Appeal also provides ongoing and wide-ranging operational support to parish food pantries for those suffering from food insecurity. Our parishes not only serve the faithful within the Church, they serve the needs of our communities also.

As we arrive now at Catholic Appeal Commitment weekend, we ask that you please make your pledge **THIS WEEKEND** - by returning your pledge envelope in the Mass collection basket, filling one out at Mass, or using the special QR Code provided below. **Remember - no gift is needed upfront - just your pledge.**

**If enough
 St. Mary's
 families make
 their pledges
 THIS
 WEEKEND -
 then our parish
 will qualify for
 2026 Catholic
 Appeal rebates.**





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

**Continuing all Fridays of Lent at 6 PM:
March 13, 20, and 27.**



Our Lenten Suppers 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, others dip in and out of helping. Welcome!

ADORATION, Every Thursday: This Lent, St. Mary's is offering 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, March 12** please pray for Reverence for all Human Life.

MEET YOUR MISSION DIRECTOR

Our Parish Mission Starts Tonight!

Fr. Brian Mahoney

Brian was born to William and Sheila Mahoney and was the youngest of five children. He grew up in Hudson, MA, where his parents took in many foster children and other people. It was always a full and active home with a lot of love.



He went to Boston College for his undergraduate degree in Computer Science, and then worked for Digital for five years before entering Saint John Seminary in 1990. Fr. Brian was ordained from St. John Seminary in 1995. He received his STL in Sacred Liturgy from Catholic University in Washington, DC in 2003, and was appointed Director of the Office for Worship for the Archdiocese of Boston, a position in which he served until 2009. In addition to now ministering as Pastor of the Holy Rood Collaborative in Chelmsford and Lowell, Fr. Brian is an instructor at The Theological Institute at Saint John's Seminary Master of Arts in Ministry Program (MAM) and the Master of Theological Studies Program. He also teaches in the Diaconate Program.

TONIGHT ~ The Four Ways Of Love

The Season of Lent calls us to a greater love. This Mission will reflect on the four ways of love - Storge (empathy), Philios (friendship), Eros (romantic), and Agape (unconditional "God" love). During this Mission we will journey through these, one by one, in the hopes that we become better able to give and receive love from family, friend, neighbor, and God. The Mission will be held from 7 - 8:15 PM, in the church, on Sunday, March 8 and Monday, March 9. Free and open to all.

ALTAR SERVER PRAYER & PIZZA NIGHT, MARCH 22:

This is a Lenten Spiritual Enrichment Event for our High School Altar Servers. We will enjoy pizza together, pray, and reflect on the deeper meaning of our ministry. We will delve into the life and witness of St. Tarcisius, the Patron Saint of Altar Servers. We will try to open ourselves in new ways to God's grace so that our ministry as Acolytes may become holier and bring us closer to Him in love. Sunday, March 22 from 6 - 7:30 PM. Sign Up here! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094DA5AB29A3FC1-62686163-high>



MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday March 7
 5:00 Roy Salvi
 7:30 Anthony ‘Tony’ Stucchi, Sr.

Sunday March 8
 7:30 People of St. Mary’s
 9:30 Michael Montalbano
 11:30 Lucia Palmer

Monday March 9
 9:00 Anna Little Charlson

Tuesday March 10
 9:00 Michael Davis

Wednesday March 11
 9:00 Holy Souls in Purgatory

Thursday March 12
 9:00 Doris Giamo

Friday March 13
 9:00 Paul T. Shea

Saturday March 14
 5:00 Wanda Peloquin
 7:30 Marie Croke and Robert Van Stry

Sunday March 15
 7:30 People of St. Mary’s
 9:30 Leslye Balowicz
 11:30 **40 Hours Devotion ~ Opening Mass**



40 HOURS DEVOTION:

Sunday, March 15
 11:30 AM Opening Mass
 6:00 PM Evening Prayer
 8:00 PM Scripture Reflection

Monday, March 16
 9:00 AM Morning Mass (Hall)
 Noon Holy Rosary
 6:00 PM Evening Prayer
 8:00 PM Scripture Reflection

Tuesday, March 17
 9:00 AM Closing Mass with
 Benediction

“Each time you approach the Blessed Sacrament remember that Jesus has been waiting for you for twenty centuries for this personal visit from you.”

- St. Josemaria Escriva

**THE 40 HOURS STARTS NEXT SUNDAY ~
 PLEASE SIGN UP TO SPEND A SPECIFIC HOUR
 WITH OUR EUCHARISTIC LORD!**

40 HOURS DEVOTION - SUNDAY, MARCH 15 - TUESDAY, MARCH 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 stop in at any time to visit with the Lord in prayer. The Forty Hours Devotion nurtures the love of the faithful for our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Additionally, three special dimensions surround this devotion:

- the protection from evil and temptation,
- reparation for our own sins and for the Poor Souls in Purgatory,
- and deliverance from political, material, or spiritual calamities.

Anyone and everyone is welcome at any time without signing up. But we need a minimum of two people committed to each specific hour the Blessed Sacrament is Exposed for Adoration.

Please sign up at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094DA5AB29A3FC1-61928555-40hours>

FOR WOMEN

ST. MARY'S MOM'S PRAYER GROUP: Please join us this Tuesday, March 10 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 has concluded. We will begin our Spring Season centering on Living the Catholic Faith in "My World" in early April. You can view videos of our entire 2025-26 Fall and Winter Seasons from our St. Mary's web page. Scroll down to the bottom. Email stmaryswingssecretary@gmail.com to register or call Jen at 617-852-9632 or Diane at 508-259-7795.

SMCWG: The St. Mary's Catholic Women's Group will hold their next meeting this Wednesday, March 11 from Noon to 2:00 PM in the Parish Center Library. Lunch and beverages will be provided. \$5 dues will be collected. Please join us!



FOR THOSE IN NEED

HOLLISTON PANTRY SHELF: Food items needed at the Pantry: white vinegar (16 oz), juice boxes (apple, orange, fruit punch), canned regular coffee (11 oz), canned decaf coffee (11 oz), Chips Ahoy Cookies, Ritz crackers (13.7 oz Box), saltine crackers (16 oz Box) and canned beets (16 oz). 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.

PENNIES FROM HEAVEN 2026: Please donate your coins to Pennies from Heaven, which can be dropped off in the lobby of the Parish Center during the 2026 Lenten season. The entire proceeds from this collection will be sent to Sierra Leone for the benefit of children living at the Fatima Home for Orphans.

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

FOR MEN

Cor ~ ST. MARY'S FAITH ENRICHMENT PROGRAM FOR MEN: Our next meeting is this Thursday, March 12, from 7 - 9:00 PM in Fr. Haley Hall. All men of St. Mary's Parish age 18 and older are invited to join us.



The topic of this week's meeting will be prayer. During this season of Lent, it is especially important to build our relationship with God through prayer. There are many ways to pray, and some methods are more effective than others depending on the individual. During our meeting, we will learn about the different types of prayer, and all will be invited to share the particular prayers that have been helpful to them.

Cor kicked off its season this past week with a highly informative presentation and discussion on the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The mission of *Cor* is to help Catholic men deepen their relationship with God so that they can better discern, and live out, God's will for them in their daily lives.

This Spring season *Cor* will generally meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month through May for faith enrichment, scripture, catechesis, prayer and brotherhood. For more information, contact StMarysCor@gmail.com.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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

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.

SNOW CANCELLATIONS: When Holliston public schools are closed due to inclement weather, the 9 AM Daily Mass and Religious Education classes will not be held. If a school delay is called, the 9 AM Mass is cancelled, but Religious Education Classes will be held.

FOR OUR YOUTH!



MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP!

Our next Meeting is Sunday, April 12 from 6:30 - 8 PM.

Maine Rafting roommate Sign-Ups will be held, as well as Sign-Ups for the April 21 annual Spring Paintball Trip

(vacation week), and the May 8 Nursing Home BINGO for our 8th Graders.

The Lenten spirit was shining bright last Sunday at our Middle School Youth Group's March 1 Meeting. After reflecting on Matthew chapter 25 where Jesus says "Whatsoever you do for the least of mine so you do unto me," our amazing teenagers made 125 delicious lunches for the homeless. Each contained a ham and cheese or turkey and cheese sandwich as well as chips and cookies. All were placed in beautifully decorated bags that the kids inscribed with art and scripture messages.



There is a traditional link between Lenten fasting and Lenten almsgiving. We use less food and other things for ourselves so that we have more to give to the poor. This night was a great example as our kids voted at their February meeting to skip their usual refreshments and snacks at the next Youth Group Meeting and use the money instead towards the sandwich making supplies. Well done!



HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP ~ TGIF (Teens Gather In Faith): Our next TGIF Meeting is Sunday, March 15, from 7 - 8:45 PM in Fr. Haley Hall

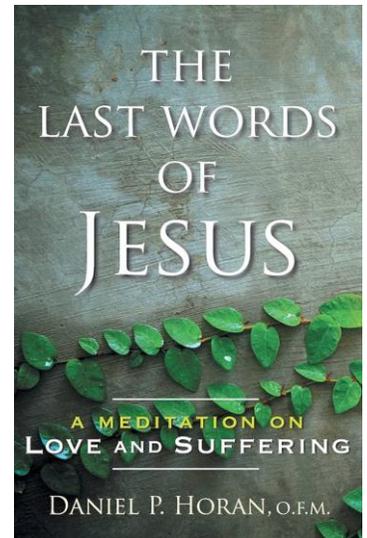
(bring a friend)! At this meeting there will be two Sign-Up Sheets (these are different from Sign-Up Forms). First, we have our TGIF sponsored Lenten Supper on Friday, March 27. Second is our Eggstravaganza Mission Trip Fundraiser on April 26. Check those calendars before our March 15 meeting! Details will be emailed and mailed this week! Final Mission Trip Paperwork will be handed out at this meeting and will be due at our April 26 TGIF Meeting.



TGIF is open to ALL TEENS in Grades 9 - 12. For more information, contact Lisa Dufault at st.marystgif1870@gmail.com.

This afternoon, from 3 - 4 PM we gather for our fourth Lenten Study Meeting. 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.

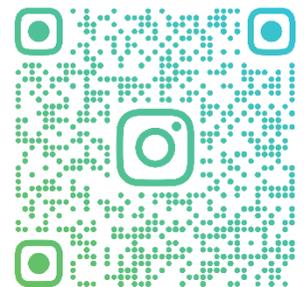
We invite TGIF Teens, their families and St. Mary's Parishioners to follow TGIF on Instagram.



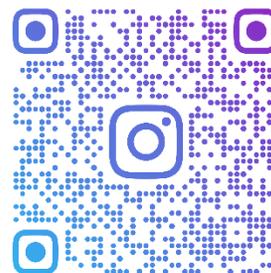
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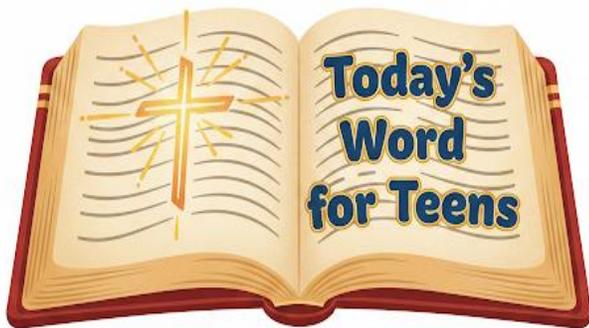
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Our Middle School Youth Group is also on Instagram!



BLESSED MOTHER SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship Applications are now available at <https://stmarysholliston.com> under REGISTER / PARISH FORMS. This \$2,000 scholarship is granted in recognition of “exceptional service to the St. Mary’s Parish Family.” Applicants must meet the following criteria: Graduating from High School in the Spring of 2026; Accepted to a four year college or university to commence classes in the Fall of 2026; Family registered at St. Mary’s Parish for at least two full years; Completed Religious Education and received the Sacrament of Confirmation; Attend Mass weekly at St. Mary’s, and are otherwise living out their Catholic faith. Applications are due by Easter Sunday, April 5. The Scholarship will be presented at the St. Mary’s Mass for the Graduating Class of 2026, Sunday, May 17 at 11:30 AM.



THE WELL ~ FINDING WHAT ACTUALLY SATISFIES

Ever feel like you’re scrolling through life with a thirst that just won’t quit? You finish a season of a show, get the likes you wanted on a post, or finally buy that one thing you’ve been eyeing, and for about five minutes, it’s great. Then, the “thirst” comes back. You need the next thing. The next high. The next distraction.

In today’s Gospel for the Third Sunday of Lent (Year A), we meet a woman who is doing the exact same thing. She’s at a well in the heat of the day, hauling a heavy jar, looking for water. But she’s also “thirsty” in her soul. She’s been through failed relationships and carries a lot of shame, which is probably why she’s at the well alone instead of with the other village women. Then she meets Jesus.

Jesus starts the conversation by asking her for a favor. He doesn’t lead with a lecture or a list of her sins. He leads with a human connection. He tells her: *“Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst.”* (John 4:13-14)

Think about the “wells” we go to today to try and feel “full”:

The Well of Validation: Checking how many people viewed or liked your post.

The Well of Perfection: Stressing over grades or sports to prove you’re “enough.”

The Well of Distraction: Endlessly scrolling because being alone with your thoughts is actually kind of scary.



The problem with these wells isn’t necessarily that they’re “bad,” it’s just that they’re shallow. They run dry.

Jesus offers the Samaritan woman Living Water. For a teenager in 2026, that Living Water is the grace of knowing you are loved exactly as you are. Loved before you achieve anything, before you “fix” your life, and despite the mistakes you’re worried people will find out about.

When the woman realizes Jesus actually knows her (her whole messy history) and still wants to talk to her, she leaves her water jar behind and runs to tell everyone. She’s finally free.

Lent is about realizing that the things we think will make us happy often just leave us tired. This week, when you feel that “thirst,” that feeling of loneliness, boredom, or stress - try turning to the One who actually satisfies. Take five minutes of silence. Pray a simple, honest prayer: “Jesus, I’m thirsty. Give me that Living Water.”

Remember, you don’t have to be perfect to sit at the well. You just have to show up.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION SESSION:

The Adult Faith Formation class on “The Bible and the Blessed Virgin Mary” will continue on Monday, March 9 and March 16 at 10:00 AM in Room 3-4.

CLOW ~ CHILDREN K-6 ~ CHILDREN’S

LITURGY OF THE WORD: Today, March 8, is the third Sunday of Lent. The children will be dismissed to the lower church hall to listen and learn what Jesus teaches us 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.

DAY	CLASS	CLASS
Sun., March 8	CGS-A 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., March 10	GR-9/10 at 7:00 PM	
Wed., March 11	GR-2 at 4:15 PM	GR-4 at 4:00 PM
	GR-9/10 at 7:00 PM	
Sun., March 15	CGS-B at 8:00 AM	GR-1 at 8:10 AM
	GR-4 at 10:45 AM	GR-5 at 10:45 AM

PARENT MEETINGS FOR FIRST COMMUNION ON THURSDAY, MARCH 12:

There will be one morning meeting at 9:00 AM and one at 7:00 PM on Thursday, March 12, in Room 3-4. Parents will be informed regarding the details for First Communion, the rehearsal, the Grade 2 Retreat, and Sign-Ups for Mass roles as Readers and Gift Bearers.

GRADE 5 SESSION ON OUR BLESSED MOTHER ~ ROSARY PRESENTATION ON MONDAY, MARCH 23 AT 4:00 PM IN FR. HALEY HALL:

All Grade 5 students on Sunday and weekday Tuesday classes are to attend this session as part of their curriculum.

GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT NOON ON APRIL 3:

Letters will be sent out on Monday, March 9 to families with children in **grades K - 5** for children to take a role in the Stations of the Cross Tableau. Please complete the enclosed form in the letter and return it to the Religious Education Office ASAP. Children who accept a role **must attend** two rehearsals during Holy week: Tuesday, March 31 and Wednesday, April 1 from 4:30 to 5:30 PM in the church. On Good Friday there will be a dress rehearsal at 11:15 AM before the Stations of the Cross begin.



GRADE 9/10 CONFIRMATION RETREAT:

Saturday, March 21 from 10 AM to 6 PM. Please check in before 10 AM in Fr. Haley Hall.

FOR ALL RELIGIOUS ED FAMILIES! VIRTUS EMPOWERING GOD’S CHILDREN (EGC) SAFETY PROGRAM:

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 March and April.*

SUMMER VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2026 ~ 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 and discover the true nature of God! **Rainforest Falls registration information will be available after Easter.**



MEDITATIONS WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT:

Wisdom that comes from above is first of all pure, then Peaceable, gentle, and considerate, full of mercy and Good fruits... (Jas.: 3:17) **Reflection:** How do we know whether we really possess the Spirit of Wisdom or whether we are simply being arrogant and think that we have all the answers? This list of virtues is an examination of conscience to make sure that what we are sharing is not our own agenda or our pet peeves. **Prayer:** Fill me with the virtues of wisdom, O Lord, so that I may overflow with your grace.

From “Daily Meditations with the Holy Spirit” by Rev. Jude Winkler, OFM Conv.