



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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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!

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

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND:

Next week's second collection 'Promoting the Gospel' supports the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) and the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Through the work of CCHD and CCC the Gospel is promoted by supporting those in poverty, providing grants to community based groups and using the entire array of media tools available today to evangelize and promote Gospel values. For more information please visit www.usccb.org/catholicgiving/opportunities-for-giving/catholiccommunication-campaign/index.cfm or www.usccb.org/cchd.

LAST SUNDAY'S PARISH OFFERTORY:

Automatic Giving:	\$ 6,854.00
WeShare:	\$ 5,042.45
Envelopes:	\$ 8,561.00
Total Offertory:	\$ 20,457.45

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/>.

HAVE YOU TAKEN PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN (PGC)? A training workshop will be offered on Wednesday, June 24 from 6:00 - 9:00 PM here at St. Mary's. If you need to complete this training before VBS, MSYG, or TGIF activities this summer, then please take this opportunity now and register online at the **VIRTUS.ORG** website.

All volunteers are REQUIRED to complete this course in order to stay active in Parish Ministries.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	June 13
5:00	Mary N. Costello
7:30	John and Helen Shannahan
Sunday	June 14
7:30	People of St. Mary's
9:30	Italo Bomba
11:30	TGIF Mission Mass
Monday	June 15
9:00	Jerzy Zeglarski
11:00	Funeral ~ Naeem Ovin
Tuesday	June 16
9:00	Holy Souls in Purgatory
11:00	Funeral ~ Lorraine Palmer
Wednesday	June 17
9:00	Richard Willette
Thursday	June 18
9:00	Paul T. Shea
Friday	June 19
9:00	Peter Dolliver
Saturday	June 20
5:00	Vincent Mullen
7:30	Violante Roberto
Sunday	June 21
7:30	Maria L. Amaral, 4 th Anv. and Martin J. O'Neill, Jr., 19 th Anv.
9:30	People of St. Mary's
11:30	John Cocchiarella

**MEET YOUR PARISH**

COUNCIL: This weekend, June 13 and 14, there will be Parish Council Members available after each Mass. This is an opportunity to share your thoughts about parish life at St. Mary's including any ideas or concerns. There will be a council member at the back of the church and in the lobby of the Parish Center.

RECTORY OFFICE SUMMER HOURS: Please note that during the summer months of June, July, and August the Rectory Office is closed on Mondays and Tuesdays. On other weekdays it remains open the usual 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM hours. Mass Cards may also be obtained at the Religious Education Office off of the Parish Center Lobby. Have a safe and faith filled summer!

THE ROSE FOR LIFE: The Rose this week is sponsored by the Reilly Family. Please join them in prayer for an unborn child. Please call Mary Beth at 508-429-4427 to become part of this beautiful affirmation of life.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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

When I first arrived in Holliston over twenty years ago, I was struck by a beautiful, unspoken covenant held by our community. There was a long-standing tradition here: local groups and organizations avoided scheduling activities on Sunday mornings until after 1:00 PM. It was a societal acknowledgement; a mark of respect for the Lord's Day and a recognition that Sunday morning belongs to families and to the worship of God.

Sadly, that landscape has shifted. Today, we see an increasing encroachment on these holy hours. Athletic practices, tournaments, and various organizational events are now routinely scheduled during times that directly conflict with Sunday worship.

This creates a profound tension for families. It is a subtle, yet persistent, assault on their spiritual life. While we Catholics are blessed with the flexibility of Saturday Vigil Masses, this trend is even more damaging to our brothers and sisters in other Christian denominations, for whom Sunday morning worship is their sole opportunity to gather as a community. When we allow these activities to take precedence, we inadvertently signal that our faith is merely one item on a busy list, rather than the foundation of our entire lives.

In this weekend's Gospel (Matthew 9:36-10:8), we see Jesus moved with pity for the crowds, for they were *"troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd."* He calls his disciples, gives them authority, and sends them out on a mission. This mission, to proclaim the Kingdom, requires a heart that is centered and a life that is ordered toward the Lord.

If we allow the assault of secular scheduling to fragment our time, we find ourselves as "sheep" who have lost sight of the Shepherd. We are distracted by the very things that pull us away from the life-giving nourishment of the Eucharist.

The Third Commandment, to keep holy the Lord's Day, is not a burden; it is a vital, life-giving gift. It is the day we set aside to recalibrate our souls, to rest in the grace of the Eucharist, and **to remember who we are**. When we surrender our Sunday mornings to the calendar of the world, we lose that essential rhythm of

grace. We begin to teach our children that God gets what is left over, rather than what is first.

As St. John Paul II wrote in his Apostolic Letter *Dies Domini*:

"The Lord's Day is the day of faith... Without the Lord's Day, we cannot live!" I invite you to join in reclaiming the sanctity of Sunday. Let us be more intentional about our commitments. If you find yourself or your family pressured by these scheduling conflicts, I encourage you to speak up with kindness and conviction. Gently remind coaches and organizations that Sunday morning is reserved for the worship of God.

Let us model for our town that the Lord's Day is a treasure that must be guarded. When we prioritize the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, we do not lose time; we gain eternity. We show the world that our commitment to Christ is not secondary, but the very heartbeat of our lives.

In His Service and Yours,

Rev. Mark J. Coiro



Celebrating Children

Dear Parents of our young parishioners,

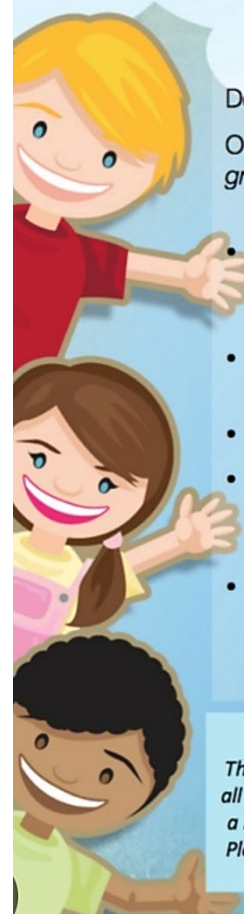
Our parish *enthusiastically welcomes your growing family* to fully celebrate with us.

May we suggest:

- **Relax.** God put the wiggle in children; Don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house.
- **Sit towards the front or aisle** where it is easier for little ones to see & hear.
- **Quietly explain** the parts of the Mass.
- **Sing** the hymns, **pray** the prayers and **say** the responses.
Children learn from your actions
- If you must leave Mass with your child, feel free to do so, but **please come back**. As Jesus said, *"Let the children come to me"* Mt 19:14

Note to all Parishioners:

The presence of children is a gift to our Church. Like all of us, they are members of the Body of Christ and a reminder of the growth and future of our Church. Please welcome our children and their parents, and give them a big smile of encouragement!



ST. MARY'S ANNUAL FAMILY BARBECUE

SATURDAY, JUNE 20 | 6:00 - 8:00 PM | FATHER HALEY HALL

BBQ
LIVE COUNTRY
MUSIC!



JOIN US!
TENNESSEE BBQ
Fires Up the Grill!

BBQ CHICKEN, PULLED PORK,
CHEESEBURGERS, HOTDOGS,
BAKED BEANS, CORN ON
THE COB, AND MORE!

BRING THE KIDS
*and experience a fun-
filled evening of*
GOOD FOOD, FRIENDSHIP
& LIVE COUNTRY MUSIC!
COME MEET YOUR
NEIGHBORS!

TICKETS:

\$7 Kids 12 & under | **\$10** Adults | **\$30** Whole Immediate Family
(parents & children)

TICKETS ON SALE AFTER ALL MASSES JUNE 6 & 7,
AND AGAIN ON JUNE 13 & 14.

TICKETS MAY ALSO BE PURCHASED through the
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE (508-429-6076) starting JUNE 8.
NO TICKETS AT THE DOOR, GET YOURS EARLY!

This year's BBQ features **EILEEN ROSE** – an American singer-songwriter known for her eclectic Americana music. She has released 12 solo studio albums and toured extensively in Europe and the US with her band The Holy Wreck. Learn more at: <https://www.youtube.com/user/eileenroseofficial>

Have you ever Witnessed a Miracle?

All are invited to attend and listen to our speaker Mr. Joe McGivney. Thursday, June 18 at 7:00 PM in Fr. Haley Hall Saint Mary's Catholic Church, Holliston, Massachusetts



Joe is a relative of Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus. He has a thrilling story of miraculous healing and of God's infinite power and love.

Come meet a miracle and be inspired!

The book cover for 'YOU'RE A MIRACLE!' by Joe McGivney. It features a sunset background with a bottle of vodka and a pair of hands in prayer. The text on the cover reads: 'YOU'RE A MIRACLE!', 'My Story of Alcoholism, Miraculous Healing, and God's Infinite Power and Love', and 'By Joe McGivney'.

"BEAUTIFUL WITNESS OF GOD'S POWER OF HEALING."
JAMES T. AMAZON REVIEWER

JOE & NICOLE McGIVNEY
AUTHORS & SPEAKERS

You're a Miracle! My Story of Alcoholism, Miraculous Healing, and God's Infinite Power and Love is a thrilling story that follows Joe from the depths of derangement to the heights of true and lasting joy, a joy that is open to all.

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A collection of logos for media partners including Veritas, Catholic TV, BEK NEWS, EWTN, NEW BOOKS NETWORK, CATHOLIC FAITH NETWORK, RADIO MARIA, and SiriusXM.

Light Refreshments will follow where Joe and Nicole will be available for questions and book signing.

Please RSVP to Phil Bonasia at bonasiapaph@aol.com or by texting Phil at 781-248-0353

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FOR THE SEEKERS

OCIA stands for Order of Christian Initiation for Adults. It is the Catholic Church's way of initiating new members. OCIA is much more than a study program. It is a learning and loving process in which conversion of the heart brings one to Jesus Christ. OCIA begins in September and concludes around the feast of Pentecost (usually mid-May). For further information, please feel free to contact Deacon Ron Dowding through the Rectory office at 508-429-4427.



OCIA is an opportunity for:

- Those who have not been baptized.
- Those who may be searching.
- Those who have never been baptized as Christians.
- Those who have been baptized in another Christian faith tradition and are now interested in the Catholic Faith.
- Those who were baptized in the Catholic Faith but did not receive First Communion, and/or Confirmation.
- Those Catholics who have been away from the faith and are now looking to return into communion with the Church.
- Those who have been baptized but want to receive the sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation.
- Anyone who wants to learn and ask questions about the Catholic Faith.

FOR MARRIAGE

BANNS II

Benjamin J. Roberts and Hannah R. Wolf

FOR WISDOM

“You must ask God to give you power to fight against the sin of pride which is your greatest enemy - the root of all that is evil, and the failure of all that is good. For God resists the proud.”

- St Vincent de Paul



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, Oreo Cookies (chocolate or vanilla), Ritz crackers (13.7 oz box), saltine crackers (16 oz box), canned corn (16 oz), canned black beans (16 oz) and canned red kidney beans (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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 18th ANNUAL CHARITY RAFFLE: The Knights continue to sell tickets for their Annual Charity Raffle. The proceeds from this raffle go to local charities such as the Holliston [Senior] Center, O'Connell House, Homes for our Troops, and the Doug Flutie Foundation for Autism. One ticket is \$5 and a book of five for \$20. First prize is \$1,000. The raffle drawing will take place at the K of C Golf tournament on June 26. The direct contact to purchase raffle tickets is stmaryshollistonkofc@gmail.com.

FOR OUR YOUTH



MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP: Congratulations to our MSYG 8th Graders heading off to High School!

We look forward to a summer full of faith and adventure:

Sunday, June 28 - Monday, June 29 - Grade 7 and 8 Kennebec Whitewater Rafting, ME.

Friday, July 31 - All Day at Brownstone Quarry, Connecticut.

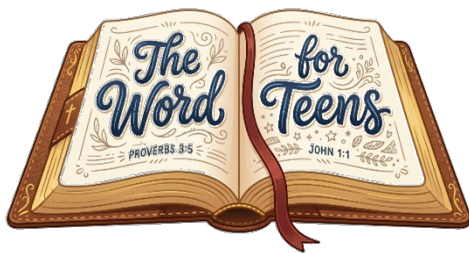
Friday, August 21 - Grade 6 Deerfield River Whitewater Rafting, MA.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP! Today we gather for our Second Mission Trip Mass with light refreshments following Mass. Hope you all can make it!

- Sunday, June 14 (11:30 AM) - MISSION TRIP MASS
- Sunday, July 12 (11:30 AM) - MISSION TRIP MASS
- Saturday, July 25 (5:00 PM) - MISSION TRIP SEND OFF MASS
- Sunday, August 2 (11:30 AM) - MISSION TRIP WELCOME HOME MASS



Scan the QR Code to follow along on our adventures which are filled with Faith, Fellowship and Fun. For more information about TGIF High School Youth Group, contact Lisa Dufault at tgif@stmarysholliston.org.



Today Jesus commissions the twelve apostles, and His final instruction to them -
 “Without cost

you have received; without cost you are to give” - echoes through the centuries to each of us today. For a teenager navigating the pressures of high school, social media, and the search for purpose, this mandate might feel like a heavy burden.

Yet, when we look closer, it is actually the ultimate invitation to freedom. We have already received everything we need in the gift of God’s grace, the sacraments, and the love of our community. We do not have to earn our worth through academic accolades or social status because our value is already secured by our Creator.

This reality changes how we approach our daily lives. When we realize that our gifts, our patience, our ability to listen, our leadership, or even our humor,

are not things we manufactured ourselves but are talents entrusted to us by God, we are liberated from the need to hoard them for our own gain.

As you head toward summer, perhaps reflecting on mission trips or service projects, remember that your acts of kindness are not transactional. You do not serve your neighbor to get credit, nor do you share your faith to look better than others. You give because you are overflowing with the love you have already been given.

Consider the simple, quiet ways you can live this out this week. Offer a word of encouragement to a classmate who is struggling. Volunteer your time at a parish event without expecting recognition. Be the person who breaks the cycle of exclusion in your friend group.

These small, “costless” gifts are where the kingdom of God becomes tangible in our world. By giving freely, you are not losing anything; you are participating in the divine cycle of love. May you walk into this week confident in the knowledge that you are already filled to the brim, and empowered to pour that love out into the world around you.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR 2026-2027: Our classes for this year have ended. Online Registrations for all grade levels will be open on July 1. Be on watch for the Registration mailing outlining our class offerings, days, and times. Register and pay by locking in placement and your choice of classes before you depart for a restful summer and vacation. **NOTE:** Since there will be two sessions for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd offered in the Fall, all current families who register **by the deadline** can be guaranteed to have their choice of the session they want for their child.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES:

DAY	GRADE	GRADE
Sun., June 14	CGS-B at 8:00 AM	

TITHING OUR TIME, GIFTS AND TALENTS FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD: Please pray as to how you can help St. Mary's Parish Religious Education Program become vibrant and joyful for our young children and teens. Our program depends on volunteers to help families live out their faith actively. Christ calls us to bring about His Kingdom and spread the Good News. Come and join the many volunteers who build up the community of faith by tithing your time and talents to serve Christ and His family. Catechists (teachers) and assistants will be needed for all grade levels in the fall. Stop by the DRE's office and inquire how you can be trained to teach a class. We always need Monitors to assist with Sunday morning and afternoon classes as well as weekday afternoon classes from 4 - 5:30 PM and evening classes from 7 - 8:30 PM. As soon as our registrations go live on July 1 on our website, there will be an opportunity to sign up to volunteer in many of the ministries offered here at St. Mary's Parish.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD (CGS) VOLUNTEER ASSISTANTS: Since our CGS Montessori Program will be offering two sessions in the fall, we are seeking **adults and high school students** to be trained as Assistants before classes start in October. This Montessori-based curriculum helps children and their teachers develop a personal relationship with Jesus. Our Atrium space has been developed since last fall. Children work with concrete materials that help them learn about the life and teachings of Jesus with particular emphasis on the parable of the Good Shepherd. Children who are three years old by **September 1, 2026**, or in Pre-K or Kindergarten can register. Sessions will meet each Sunday except holidays. Trained Assistants are necessary to assist the Catechetical Leader. If you are interested in participating in CGS, please contact the **Religious Education Office at 508-429-6076** or religiuseddre@stmarysholliston.org.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION NOW OPEN, BUT MAX IS 100 CAMPERS! JULY 20 - 24, 2026

Use the QR Code or click:
<https://forms.gle/DfxUbFgn41QtqM7V7>

WHO: Children entering Kindergarten through Grade 6; Teens entering Grade 7 and up and Adults are needed as VBS Volunteers!

WHEN: 9 AM to 12:00 Noon each day.

COST: \$75/child, \$200/family max. Tuition assistance available.

CALLING ALL PARISHIONERS: Your trash is our treasure! The VBS team is looking for the following items as donations to build our VBS Rainforest displays: Brown packing paper (Amazon or similar), cereal boxes, artificial plants/branches/flowers/bamboo, extra-large cardboard boxes, paper towel tubes, pipe cleaners, large/roll green paper/posterboard, colorful tissue paper, broken handheld umbrellas, rainforest-themed stuffed animals. Have something else you think we can use? Email us at vbs@stmarysholliston.org. Bring all donations to the bin located in the lobby anytime in June. *Thank you.*

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