



Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge. Even all the hairs of your head are counted. So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. MT 10:29-31



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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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!



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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

Today we receive a powerful, comforting reminder of God's intimate care for each of us. Jesus speaks to us of the sparrow, a bird so small and common that two of them were sold for a single penny. Yet, the Lord tells us that *"not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge."* If God cares so deeply for the smallest of creatures, how much more does He cherish you, the one who was redeemed at the cost of His own Son's life?

When we face moments when we feel overwhelmed or forgotten, we must hold fast to this promise. The sparrow is not merely a bird; it is a sign of God's providence, reminding us that we are held securely in His hands, even in our most vulnerable moments.

St. Thérèse of Lisieux beautifully captured this trust in Divine Providence when she wrote: *"The good God does not need years to accomplish His work of love in a soul; one ray of His heart can, in an instant, make His flower bloom for eternity."* Like the sparrow, we are called to rest in that ray of His love, trusting that He is at work even when we cannot see the path forward.

It is in this spirit of solidarity and trust that I share with you an update from our brother and friend, Fr. Louis Salman, the former pastor of our Sister Parish, Our Lady of Fatima in Beit Sahour.

"Dear Fr. Mark,

Thank you so much for your kind email, your constant support, and especially for your faithful prayers. It truly touches my heart to know that you continue to remember me, Our Lady of Fatima Parish, and all our people in Beit Sahour at every weekend Mass. Please be assured that your community is also remembered in my prayers.

The past months have been quite challenging and filled with many unexpected changes. Since May, I have had to leave the parish and return to ministry in Jordan after my residency permit was not renewed. Since then, no new priest has yet been appointed to the parish. As soon as a new pastor is

assigned, I will gladly let you know who he is so that you may continue and deepen this beautiful relationship between our two communities.

The situation remains difficult, and many uncertainties continue to affect our people. Yet we remain people of faith and hope. We continue to trust in the Lord and hold great hope for our beloved Beit Sahour and for a future of peace and stability. Regarding my own assignment, I am currently awaiting my official appointment in Jordan, which should be announced soon. Once it is confirmed, I will be very happy to share with you where I will be serving and the parish entrusted to me.

Thank you again for your love, friendship, and prayers. I truly need them, just as our beloved parish of Beit Sahour needs them. Your solidarity and spiritual support mean far more than you can imagine. Please keep us in your prayers, and know that you and your parishioners remain in mine.

In Christ, Fr. Louis Salman"

Let us keep Fr. Salman and the people of Beit Sahour in our prayers in a special way this week. Though they face great uncertainty, they are like the sparrow - never lost to the Father's sight. May we continue to support them, confident that the same God who watches over the smallest bird is guiding them toward a future of hope and peace.

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, 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 THIS WEEKEND:

This 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.

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!

HAVE YOU TAKEN PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN (PGC)? A training workshop will be offered this

**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 once in order to stay active in Parish Ministries.

**LAST SUNDAY'S PARISH OFFERTORY:**

Automatic Giving:	\$ 2,461.00
WeShare:	\$ 3,804.77
Envelopes:	\$ 4,395.00
Total Offertory:	\$ 10,660.77
Weekly Need	\$ 15,000.00

Shortfall \$ 4,339.23

Please switch to WeShare or Automatic Giving TODAY! See: <https://stmarysholliston.com/how-to-give/>.

Each year, St. Mary's faces the challenge of a summer offertory drop off when people are travelling.

Just as your mortgage, utility bills, etc., all still have to be paid when you are on vacation or otherwise away from home, so St. Mary's expenses still remain when you are not able to worship at your own parish on a given weekend.

That is why making up your "missed" weekly offertory support is so very important. Mass envelopes can help you keep track of this.

But an even better option is electronic giving. This allows you to maintain your customary weekly parish support even when you are away on vacation. It also protects your parish on long holiday weekends, foul weather weekends, sickness, (even pandemic), or other challenges during the year.

These online services allow you to maintain your support without having to remember to mail or drop off envelopes. Even if you are at Mass in person again, these forms of giving mean not having to remember to bring checkbooks and/or envelopes with you.



The vocation of fatherhood is a profound calling that mirrors the very nature of God's love for humanity. In the quiet sacrifices, the patient guidance, and the steady protection provided by earthly fathers, we catch a glimpse of the steadfast devotion our Creator holds for each of us. By assuming the role of provider and protector, a father is invited to reflect the strength and tenderness of the Holy Spirit, nurturing the faith and character of his family.

This sacred relationship is elevated by the radical invitation of Jesus, who taught us to call God "Abba," or "Father." By sharing this intimate title, Christ revealed that our relationship with the Creator is not merely one of subject to master, but of a child to a loving parent who intimately knows and cares for every detail of our lives.

When we look to our own fathers, we are reminded of this divine connection; we are invited to see them as instruments through whom the Heavenly Father's constant, sheltering grace is made tangible in our daily walk.

May we honor all those who have stepped into this role with humility and love, asking that they be granted the wisdom and grace necessary to lead their families toward the light of the Gospel.

A PRAYER FOR FATHERS

Heavenly Father, we entrust all fathers to Your tender care today. Grant them the strength of St. Joseph, the patience of the Prodigal's father, and the unwavering love of Your Son, Jesus Christ. May they be constantly renewed in their vocation, finding joy in their sacrifices and wisdom in their leadership. Bless them with health, guide their words, and keep them ever close to Your heart, so that they may always reflect Your unconditional love to their children and the world. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

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
Monday	June 22
9:00	Margaret and George Levasseur
Tuesday	June 23
9:00	Holy Souls
Wednesday	June 24
9:00	Special Intention
Thursday	June 25
9:00	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Friday	June 26
9:00	Terry Stewart
Saturday	June 27
5:00	David Bushee, 4 th Anv.
7:30	Cheryl Griffin, 3 rd Anv.
Sunday	June 28
7:30	Bill and Martha Kreinsen
9:30	People of St. Mary's
11:30	Robert Lee Barnes

BANNS OF MARRIAGE, III

Benjamin J. Roberts and Hannah R. Wolf

THE ROSE FOR LIFE: The Rose this week is sponsored by the Mongelli Family in memory of Mary Connolly. 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.

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 and Ritz and/or saltine crackers (13.7 oz box). 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.

LAST CHANCE! KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 18th 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 **THIS FRIDAY, June 26**. The direct contact to purchase raffle tickets is smaryshollistonkofc@gmail.com.



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.

Tuesday, July 28 - All Day at Brownstone Quarry, Connecticut.

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

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP! Our Maine Overnight Rafting Trip is just ONE WEEK AWAY! The countdown is on! Final details will be emailed today.



• 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

For those who signed up to be on our Summer TGIF Email list, be on the lookout for an email containing our list of Daily Mass and Donut Dates. 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.

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.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR 2026-2027: 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.

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, monitor a session on a Sunday morning or weekday afternoon or evening. 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 ASSISTANT TRAINING: CGS is a Montessori Program where adult and high school teen assistants assist the Catechist Leader. Assistants are present to observe the children as they discover God's love for them while listening to Sacred Scripture and participating in concrete activities working with their hands. Children from ages 3 - 6 enter the Atrium and find the quiet space open to prayer and slow reverent gestures to fill their hearts and minds about the life and teachings of Jesus with particular emphasis on the parable of the Good Shepherd. Trained assistants are necessary for CGS. If you are interested in being trained, contact the **Religious Education Office at 508-429-6076** or religiuseddre@stmarysholliston.org.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION NOW OPEN, JULY 20 - 24, 2026

Use the QR Code or click:

<https://forms.gle/DfxUbFgn41QtqM7V7>



HURRY! ONLY NINE CHILDREN'S SPOTS

AVAILABLE! Children entering Kindergarten through Grade 6. Volunteer Teens needed entering Grade 7 and up.

FOUR MORE ADULTS NEEDED AS VBS VOLUNTEERS.



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

COST: \$75/child, \$200/family max. Tuition assistance is 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 donations to the parish center lobby anytime in June. *Thank you.*

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